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Bruised but back on the job

'Harold the Jewellery Buyer' attacked. Suspect in the heist made no attempt to disguise himself and was caught on surveillance camera

Harold Gerstel, known from his TV ads as "Harold the Jewellery Buyer," is back at work after being pistol-whipped during a robbery at his Bathurst Street store on Friday afternoon.

"I've got a headache," said Gerstel, who sported a purple left eye and wounds to the left side of his head that needed between 10 and 20 stitches and staples.

"My head was completely split open. But apparently nothing permanent happened. But it was a close call and I'm kind of lucky to be here today. But I'll be OK in a few days."

Gerstel has known danger before. He has been robbed several times, and his previous shop was destroyed in an arson attack that remains unsolved.

Gerstel wants to put up a reward of up to $50,000 to get information into that arson, which happened in December 2010.

His store relocated after the fire.

This is the first time he has been attacked personally. But he wasn't going to allow these injuries to keep him from the business he has known for 30 years. He was back on the job Sunday.

Gerstel suddenly breaks off an interview with a reporter when a customer comes through the heavily barred doors.

"Sorry, business first," Gerstel says to the reporter as he walks over to examine a ring. "How much do you want?"

During the course of the interview, his cellphone keeps going off as word spreads about his attack.

Gerstel said he had seen his assailant earlier in the week. The man left some diamond rings on loan. He had also left his name. Looking back, the act "was a bit bizarre," Gerstel says.

On Saturday, Khan Facey was charged with robbery while armed with a firearm, aggravated assault and careless storage of a firearm. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Harold Gerstel was back at his jewelry store on Bathurst Street Tuesday after being pistol-whipped by an attacker on Friday.
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Asylum seekers being locked up in Hungary

After fleeing violent countries, migrants say they're imprisoned for no just reason PAGE 10

Markham's Shamawd Chambers is a great catch ...

... and a speedy receiver, which makes him one of the top prospects for next week's CFL draft PAGE 44

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Trains to begin rolling down rail lines on time

Moving people. Only exception is the controversial Sheppard LRT

Despite 18 months of flailing on the transit file, all four of Toronto's new provincially-funded rail lines will open within the original timeframe of 2020.

Only the hotly contested Sheppard LRT will be completed much later than it would have been before Mayor Rob Ford came to office and stalled all plans for street-level transit expansion.

Now, instead of the Sheppard LRT opening in 2014 as originally scheduled, work will only begin that year. The Finch LRT is scheduled to break ground in 2015. Both projects are expected to take about four years to complete.

On Wednesday, the Metrolinx board is expected to approve a return to the plan Metrolinx agreed to under former Toronto mayor David Miller, holding the province to its promise to respect the direction of city council, despite the mayor's opposition.

"We would prefer there is alignment between the mayor, the TTC and council moving forward," said Metrolinx CEO Bruce McCuaig.

However, he said, "We need to work with the official position of the city and that position came forward in February and March."

That's when Ford lost control of the transit file, failing to convince a majority of councillors that he had a viable plan to fund a subway expansion on Sheppard or that the Eglinton LRT east of Laird Ave. should run underground. Instead, council voted to put the east end of Eglinton above ground, although the centre 11 kilometres will remain tunneled, and to use the money saved to help build LRT on Finch and Sheppard.

TTC chair Karen Stintz said she was pleased by the Metrolinx plan, saying the province is moving as quickly as possible. It will begin next year to build a Scarborough storage facility for the LRVs that will run on Sheppard and the SRT. Until it's completed in 2016, there is nowhere to store or maintain the new, longer LRVs.

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Coun. Maria Augimeri, Ward 9, York Centre, at Finch and Keele streets. She said she wants there to be a smooth transfer between subway and LRV, and is disappointed that her transit-starved constituents along Finch will have to wait until 2015 to see shovels in the ground. COLIN MC CONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Transportation. City's bike-lane construction just a few weeks away

Construction on Toronto's first physically separated bike lane is scheduled to begin on Sherbourne Street this summer. This spring, Toronto cyclists are enjoying about 30 kilometres of new off-road bike trails and there are plans to triple that over the next decade.

But the councillor in charge of Toronto's cycling plans knows he will still take heat: over not enough cycling infrastructure; over plans to remove painted lanes on Jarvis street; over where new bike lanes are created.

"No matter what you build, you will have enthusiastic supporters and critics," said Denzil Minnan-Wong, chair of Toronto's public works and infrastructure committee.

Toronto's bike plan has been expanded from 166 kilometres to 460 km in 10 years. The city has $90 million for cycling infrastructure in its 10-year capital budget. That includes $6 million a year to build those 77 kilometres of off-road trails.

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Commuter tolls up for discussion

Charging non-Torontonians a toll to drive on the Don Valley Parkway and Gardiner Expressway is one of the ideas to be presented at a special Thursday brainstorming session of councillors.

Road tolls are "coming on the horizon," said Coun. James Pasternak, one of the freshman members of council's so-called "mighty middle," whose votes can determine council priorities. "Non-residents would contribute to help support the city's prosperity."

Pasternak is one of seven or eight "middle" councillors expected to attend the Thursday gathering, in hopes of helping to set the city's agenda over what remains of the current term.

Funding transit

- Mayor Rob Ford, who scrapped the $60 vehicle registration tax shortly after taking office, has vowed there won't be any new taxes during his watch, which runs to Dec. 1, 2014.
- His brother, Coun. Doug Ford, has been more receptive to seeking new ways to fund transit expansion.

"You've got a lot of creative energy from new councillors who really want to show progress over the next 2.5 years," Pasternak said.

Another revenue-generating idea would be to encourage well-heeled citizens to donate to city initiatives, Pasternak said. And the city could do more to entice corporations to sponsor city programs and purchase naming rights.

The former school trustee also thinks money could be saved through promoting joint facilities with the Toronto District School Board. He envisions libraries and community centres being built alongside schools on common sites.

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On the web

Ruff life in rehab

Four-legged victims of disasters, dogfighting operations and puppy mills are now being given a second chance. The American w has set up a rehab centre for rescued furry friends. Watch the video at metronews.ca.

A hole lot of trouble

A young girl plunged about seven metres after a hole opened up beneath her feet as she walked on the sidewalk. The shocking footage was captured on a security camera in China's Shaanxi Province. Watch at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

Two men have been arrested after a dangerous booby-trap was found on a Utah hiking trail. A 20-pound spiked boulder was rigged with trip wire to swing at head level. Scan the code for the story.

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Hélène Campbell, a double-lung transplant recipient and online organ-donation crusader, has had some setbacks but is able to shimmy her shoulders to songs by her favourite, Justin Bieber, who helped catapult her into the spotlight by endorsing her campaign. CONTRIBUTED/CAMPBELL FAMILY

Woman doing well after lung transplant

One day at a time. 'She can't wait to savour orange juice with pop,' her mother says

Road to recovery

"It's encouraging to see her actually doing the treadmill, being able to raise her arms up in the air for a few moments and try to dance to a song."
Manon Campbell, Hélène's mother

She can't speak yet, nor can she eat, but that hasn't stopped her from continuing her crusade.

Hélène Campbell — who became the unofficial face of organ donation in Canada after attracting celebrity endorsements for her cause — is still recovering after a double-lung transplant but is progressing well, doctors said Tuesday.

While she hasn't been able to talk because of the breathing tubes attached to her throat, her mother said if Campbell could speak, she'd spread the same message she always has.

"BeADonor.ca is what she would say," Manon Campbell said, referring to the website that urges people to become registered organ and tissue donors. "What she hopes in all of this is that it will bring people to action."

Hélène, 21, of Ottawa, was diagnosed with advanced idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in October and had surgery at Toronto General Hospital this month. Doctors say her transplant has been much like any other. What is different is how she and her family used her condition as a rallying point to encourage organ donation.

"It took away our focus on the negative part of her illness to say, well, we can still do something positive to make a difference, maybe not for Hélène, but at least for other people that are waiting," Manon Campbell said.

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U of T research

'IM Blanky' monitors sleep, health

A high-tech blanket developed by a University of Toronto research team can detect sleeping disorders and could be used to monitor other health factors.

A network of tilt sensors embedded in "IM Blanky," as the bedcover is known, records movement, while other sensors measure body temperature, blood pressure, humidity and heart rate.

The team of responsive architects behind the blanket say the medical applications could be significant. IM Blanky could be particularly useful in monitoring the vital signs of aging patients as heath care shifts away from hospitals, says researcher Rodolphe el-Khoury.

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Richmond Hill. Booze off the table as councillors haggle over expense policy

Councillors in Richmond Hill can no longer expense alcohol and must report their quarterly expenses online, after the town approved a revised policy this week.

But the vote almost didn't happen, after four councillors walked out during the meeting.

"What happened was that I was fed up to the teeth with the exactitude of questioning," said Coun. Brenda Hogg, who left before the vote.

The new policy, which comes into effect on June 1, has been in the works since October, when a Freedom of Information request found that Coun. Carmine Perrelli had charged taxpayers nearly $1,200 for a set of golf clubs, and technically had not broken any rules in doing so.

Since then, councillors have had two educational sessions on the policy and numerous discussions, and have twice deferred the vote. On Monday, nitpicky discussion around alcohol, desserts and fundraising continued.

At the end, only five councillors out of nine voted on the motion.

Perrelli voted against the policy.

"There were too many line items that I didn't agree with," he said.

Although he has paid back the city for golf clubs "that I will probably never use," he said he's still not clear if the new policy even addresses things like expensing golf clubs.

"That's a good question. I'm not quite sure."

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December incident

Officer charged in shooting incident

A Toronto police officer has been charged after an altercation that left a 27-year-old man with a gunshot wound. The Special Investigations Unit says it has "reasonable grounds" to believe the officer committed criminal offences. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Caught on camera

Suspect sought in SickKids art theft

Toronto police on Tuesday said they are searching for a man caught on security camera last Thursday at 6:30 p.m. carting away nine 18-inch-square framed prints that once hung in the Burton Family Wing of the Sick Children's Hospital.

Suspect in the art theft at Sick Children's Hospital.
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Victim crossing street

Woman hit by car in Mississauga

Police on Tuesday were looking for witnesses as they try to piece together what led to a woman being struck by a car in Mississauga Monday night. They say the victim was struck by a car with an Alberta licence plate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspect seen in cab

Man arrested in Hamilton assault

Police have made an arrest after a woman was assaulted and confined in a Hamilton home.

They say Michael White, 33, was arrested after he was seen in the rear of a stopped cab. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Demonstration

Activists take over Apple store

Greenpeace activists staged a demonstration at the Apple store in Eaton Centre on Tuesday as part of a campaign to get the company to power its data centres with renewable energy instead of coal. METRO

Health chief urges head start for pedestrians

Safety. Proposal calls for pedestrians to get a signal 3 to 5 seconds earlier than drivers

The head of Toronto's public health department says pedestrians should get a head start of three to five seconds when crossing the street.

At intersections that use a "leading pedestrian signal interval," the walk signal is turned on before the green light, rather than at the same time. Drivers have to wait seconds longer, but pedestrians become easier for them to spot, and it becomes less likely that someone on foot will be struck.

Dr. David McKeown, the city's medical officer of health, proposed the change this week. McKeown also recommended significant reductions in the city's speed limits, drawing the immediate ire of allies of car-friendly Mayor Rob Ford.

Cambridge, Mass., gives pedestrians head starts at nearly all intersections. New York City has done so at some intersections. In Toronto, pedestrians get one at University Ave. and Adelaide St. W.

"It has proven to be effective (at University and Adelaide), though we don't have real hard data to show just how effective they are. But just observationally — it is something we'd like to apply elsewhere," said John Mende, the city's director of transportation infrastructure management.

"Previously, the left-turning vehicles would turn in front of the pedestrians. But because of those few seconds, they are waiting, and allowing the pedestrians to cross first.... We haven't had any incidents at that location."

The city would have to be selective about where to implement the signals, Mende said. Intersections with a high volume of turns, such as three-way "T" intersections, are the top candidates.

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Mixed reactions for 'scramble' signals

The city implemented pedestrian-friendly "scramble" signals at three major downtown intersections under former mayor David Miller.

- Those signals, which temporarily stop vehicle traffic in all directions, are favoured by many pedestrians but disliked by many drivers.

AGO unveils Picasso masterpieces

Journalists were invited on Tuesday to take a sneak peek at the new Picasso exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Masterpieces from the Musee National Picasso in Paris will be on display May 1 to Aug. 26. Toronto hasn't had a major Picasso exhibition since 1964 and the current show is only available because the Picasso Museum in Paris is closed for a major renovation. After June 2013, these paintings and drawings may never again leave France. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Contract talks. Cuts will hurt patients, say doctors

The Ontario Medical Association says it's frustrated trying to negotiate a new contract with the cash-strapped Liberal government.

OMA president Stewart Kennedy says the government is demanding $1 billion in cuts to fees and programs that will hurt patients. He says it rejected a proposal by doctors for a two-year wage freeze and help finding a further $250 million in savings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Council. Deal to keep pools open to go for final approval

A proposed five-year deal to save endangered swimming pools was unanimously endorsed Tuesday by a city council committee and now goes to council May 8 for final approval. The school board has already approved the agreement, which would cut the city's 2012 fee to use the pools in non-school hours by $285,316, to $5.92 million. The fee would then rise 1.6 per cent each year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Inevitable breakup?

Ignatieff's Quebec musings spark surprise

There are some surprised reactions to remarks from ex-Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff, who suggested in a BBC interview that Quebec and Canada are almost two separate countries floating towards a breakup.

That suggestion was met with resistance Tuesday from Quebecers who have fought for national unity. "What I will tell you is a strong majority of Quebecers believe in Canada," said Quebec premier Jean Charest.

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Appeal court

Wife killer can collect on life insurance: Court

A man who killed his wife should be allowed to collect on her life insurance policy because he was insane at the time, Ontario's top court ruled Tuesday.

In overturning a lower judge's decision, the Ontario Court of Appeal decided that public policy, which normally would bar killers from benefiting from their victims' deaths, does not apply in this case.

However, the court put its decision on hold to allow the government to try to seize the money.

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Diplomacy

Canada to suspend most sanctions against Myanmar

Canada is suspending its sanctions against Myanmar in recognition of its moves towards democracy.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says he has seen encouraging steps in Myanmar since the former political prisoner Aung Sang Suu Kyi won a parliamentary seat in historic elections there earlier this month.

Baird said Canada's sanctions on imports, exports and financial transactions will be suspended, although an embargo will be maintained on sales of arms and military technology.

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One dead following British Columbia sawmill explosion

Without warning. Workers ran for their lives as colleagues scrambled to help one another

Evening-shift workers at a Prince George, B.C. sawmill ran for their lives after an earth-shaking explosion and massive fire sent walls crumbling down on top of them.

The blast killed one person and critically injured at least seven more.

Colleagues at the Lakeland Sawmill scrambled to help each other, with one saying he used scissors to cut charred clothing off those whose burned skin was dripping.

"It was quite gruesome," said union rep Brian Croy.

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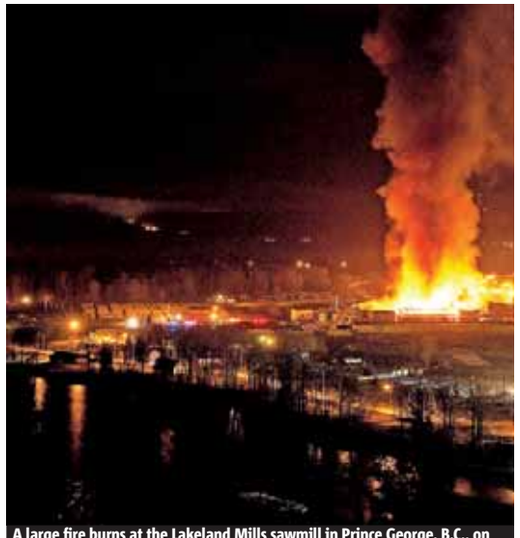

A large fire burns at the Lakeland Mills sawmill in Prince George, B.C., on Tuesday. ANDREW JOHNSON EDIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minsters' expenses

Oda not the biggest spender

Bev Oda may be in hot water for her champagne tastes, but by no means is she the highest-spending member of Stephen Harper's cabinet.

That distinction goes to Gerry Ritz.

The agriculture minister has racked up the biggest travel and hospitality tab of any of his Conservative colleagues in recent years.

That's apparently because of trade missions that have taken him all over the globe.

It has cost $271,489 since March 2010 to send Ritz to such far-flung destinations as Italy, Turkey, Indonesia and Japan.

He edged out Finance Minister Jim Flaherty to claim the top spot.

Travel and hospitality costs for Flaherty came to $270,119.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay came third with expenses of $265,286.

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Ontario budget passes crucial confidence vote

Premier Dalton McGuinty speaks to the media after meeting with NDP Leader Andrea Horwath on Monday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

An arrangement between the Liberals and NDP that was solidified with a new tax on the rich allowed Ontario's minority Liberal government to survive a confidence vote on its budget Tuesday.

After weeks of negotiations between the Liberals and the New Democrats, Premier Dalton McGuinty finally agreed Monday to increase the tax on incomes over $500,000 in exchange for NDP support on the budget.

"The NDP were insistent on a tax on the rich and we were insistent on finding a way to accelerate our plan to eliminate the deficit, so we have a found a happy marriage," McGuinty told cheering Liberal members immediately after the crucial vote.

"By working with the NDP, we have made a strong budget even stronger."

In the end, the New Democrats abstained from the budget vote, but that allowed the Liberals to outvote the Progressive Conservatives 52 to 37 and pass the motion, avoiding a second election in less than a year.

The NDP is still upset the budget calls for the privatization of Ontario Northland railway and removes subsidies from the horse racing industry, saying those moves will kill jobs, not create them.

They did not want to vote for a budget they still have problems with, but didn't want to force another election either, said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said he has figures showing the deficit will be lower this year because of the extra $470 million a year from what Horwath calls the "fairness tax."

Horwath said her party did its duty to improve the budget without forcing an expensive and unnecessary election. Duncan said the NDP was trying to "have their cake and eat it too," in voting against.

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NDP pressure

- The Liberals also agreed to increase welfare and disability support payments, put more money into child care and give one-time funding of $20 million to rural and northern hospitals.
- McGuinty said all of the revenues from "the NDP surtax" would go towards the deficit, and he promised the tax would be scrapped when the budget is balanced in 2017-18.

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Summit. Nobel laureates meet to discuss peace

Poverty, a lack of education and arms proliferation present daunting obstacles, yet peace can be achieved if world leaders are more willing to talk and young people are encouraged to get involved, Nobel Peace Prize winners said at their annual meeting.

Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter and ex-presidents Mikhail Gorbachev, of the former Soviet Union, and Lech Walesa, of Poland, were among the Peace Prize winners in Chicago for the start of the three-day World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates.

The summit runs through Wednesday and comes just weeks before Chicago hosts U.S. President Barack Obama — himself a Nobel Peace Prize winner — and foreign leaders for the NATO summit, a meeting that is expected to draw large numbers of anti-war protesters. Obama did not attend Monday's meetings.

Actor Sean Penn on Wednesday will be presented with the 2012 Peace Summit Award for his work in Haiti.

Carter said that, as the last global superpower, the U.S. has a responsibility to be a leader in peace efforts and set an example to the rest of the world. Instead, he said, the U.S. is "too inclined to go to war" and is contemplating going to war again, "perhaps in Iran."

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Europe

Headscarf laws dangerous: Report

European laws on what girls and women wear on their heads are encouraging discrimination against Muslims and against a religion that has been part of Europe's fabric for centuries, Amnesty International says in a new report. Extremist political movements targeting Muslim practices for criticism have grown in several European countries — as witnessed by French far-right leader Marine Le Pen's strong showing in presidential elections this week.

The Amnesty report lists a raft of examples of discrimination against Muslims from Spain to the Netherlands and Turkey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Witnesses recall horror of Norway bombing

Confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik confers with his defence lawyer in the courtroom in Oslo Tuesday. LISE ASERUD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trial. Police and forensic experts take stand in Breivik trial

After testifying for five days, Anders Behring Breivik listened silently Tuesday as others described the mayhem caused by his bombing of Oslo's government district, a scene one witness described as a "war zone."

Forensic experts explained the massive injuries to four of the eight victims killed by the 950-kilogram fertilizer bomb on July 22. Breivik admits to the bombing and a subsequent shooting massacre at a Labor Party youth camp that left 69 people dead, most of them teenagers.

Chilling

"I estimated the chances of survival as less than five per cent."

Anders Behring Breivik, confessed killer

"More than 100 body parts were found in the government district," said Ole Morten Stoerseth, a police official tasked with identifying the blast victims.

Relatives of those killed sobbed and embraced during the autopsy presentations. Pictures of the victims' injuries were not shown in court but distributed to the judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers as well as the psychiatrists who are examining Breivik during the trial.

Breivik claims the attacks were "necessary" and that the victims had betrayed Norway by embracing immigration.

As he has for most of the trial, now in its seventh day, the far-right fanatic remained mostly expressionless during the hearing Tuesday. But he smiled when a security guard, who was inside the government highrise when the bomb exploded, called Breivik's motive for the attacks "totally absurd."

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Asylum seekers being locked away in Hungary

In this 2008 file photo, an asylum seeker talks on a pay phone through the bars in one of the detention centres of the Hungarian border police, near the country's southern border with Serbia. BELA SZANDELSZKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

They say they came to Hungary to escape brutality, war or the threat of being put to death in their home countries. Instead, they are serving untold months behind bars without ever being convicted of a crime.

Migrants who arrive from violence-ridden countries are spending up to a year languishing in detention centres.

In 2010, the government of Prime Minister Viktor Orban adopted a policy of locking up undocumented migrants while authorities adjudicate their asylum claims. Critics, including the writers of a UN report released Tuesday, say the policy is unusually harsh and out of step with European norms and international law.

"No other country (in Central Europe) is taking such extreme and harsh measures as Hungary does, and in no other country do we hear so many similar reports of abuse in detention," said Gottfried Koefner, UNHCR's representative for Central Europe.

Inmates at a detention centre in the eastern city of Nyirbator jammed up against the metal bars covering the windows at the sight of reporters below.

"I come here for asylum, not prison!" shouted one skull-capped inmate from the second floor. Another lifted up his shirt to display a wound in his chest. "No medicine! No go to hospital!" he shouted. Other prisoners yelled that they have been beaten by prison guards and receive inadequate food supplies.

Several men held up a handwritten sign spelling out a stark demand: "Freedom!"

The new report by the UN high commissioner for refugees criticizes Hungary for treating legitimate asylum seekers as if they were illegal immigrants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Human rights

- **Countries.** Migrants come from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Somalia.
- **Numbers.** In 2011, Hungary rejected 450 claims from asylum seekers.
- **Criticism.** The government has also faced criticism for limiting press freedom, criminalizing homelessness and reducing judicial independence.

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London marathon. Young woman's death inspires donations to charity

The death of a runner in the London marathon has inspired a flood of donations to the charity she supported.

Claire Squires, who ran to raise money for the Samaritans, which works to prevent suicide, collapsed Sunday near the end of the course. The cause of her death has not been determined.

By late Tuesday, donations made through her JustGiving.com web page had passed 412,000 pounds ($664,000).

Squires, a 30-year-old hairdresser from North Kilworth, England, had climbed Mount Kilimanjaro with a friend last year to raise 1,500 pounds ($2,400) for the Royal Air Force Association.

The Samaritans said donations will go into a tribute fund in Squires' name.

Chief executive Catherine Johnstone said the charity had been "overwhelmed" by the public response.

Claire Squires. HANDOUT

"This is an incredibly sad time for Claire's family and all those all those who knew her," she said. "We desperately wish that it was not under these circumstances but we have been overwhelmed by the response from people donating in Claire's memory."

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Brazil

Political reporter gunned down

A crusading reporter who "breathed, dreamed and lived journalism 24 hours a day" was gunned down as he ate dinner, and colleagues said they are certain he was killed because of his work. Decio Sa, a political reporter for the O Estado do Maranhao newspaper in Brazil, is at least the fourth journalist slain this year in the South American nation, one of the deadliest for reporters to work in, according to watchdog groups.

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Kony's whereabouts remain a mystery

Uganda. Soldiers say intelligence on Kony is so limited that if he dies or is already dead, his foes may never know

Ugandan soldiers hunting for fugitive warlord Joseph Kony receive a briefing from their commander near the River Vovodo, in the Central African Republic. RODNEY MUHUMUZA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Internet campaign that's gone viral aims to capture notorious rebel leader Joseph Kony, but Ugandan foot soldiers who have spent years searching for the man are starting to ask a question their top commanders prefer to ignore: Is it possible he is dead?

Ugandan army officials say the Lord's Resistance Army leader is alive and hiding somewhere within the Central African Republic.

Rank-and-file soldiers, however, say intelligence on Kony is so limited that if he dies, or is already dead, his foes might never know and could wind up chasing a ghost through this vast central Africa jungle.

In interviews last week with an Associated Press reporter who trekked with them in the jungle, soldiers in one of many Kony-hunting squads said their task in the Central African Republic could no longer be described as a manhunt.

The soldiers, who requested anonymity for fear of punishment, said for years there has been no LRA presence in the areas they patrol.

The soldiers are growing increasingly disillusioned, complaining of boredom and having to carry around heavy guns they never expect to use.

"Our commanders don't want you to know the truth," one of them said on the banks of the Vovodo river, his colleagues nodding in approval. "They want to keep us here, but up to now our squad has never come across any rebels."

Another soldier said: "We are bored. We have nothing to do. We are mobile every day but we never see the enemy."

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Hudson leaves court as photos shown

The trial of the man charged with murdering three of Jennifer Hudson's family members resumed Tuesday with the Oscar-winner shutting her eyes as a police officer described finding her dead family members and later leaving the courtroom before photos of their bodies were shown.

Hudson watched most of the testimony before getting up and leaving shortly before prosecutors displayed pictures of her mother and brother's bloodied bodies. Prosecutors often let family members know when they will be showing unsettling evidence.

A day after Hudson offered emotional testimony, prosecutors began shifting their focus to presenting crime scene evidence in the case against her former brother-in-law, William Balfour.

Balfour was estranged from his wife, Hudson's sister, at the time of the killings. He has pleaded not guilty to murdering Hudson's mother, brother and 7-year-old nephew.

Earlier in the day, Hudson hung her head and shut her eyes as Chicago police Sgt. David Dowling described finding her mother's body in the living room with gunshot wounds through her back. Dowling described finding Jason Hudson dead in his bed, with the sheets pulled up as if he had been sleeping.

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Emergency medical technician Debra Lund, right, checks the flow of an IV bag as EMT Stacey Kreitlow, second from left, takes the blood pressure of a patient and Dr. Jason Burke, third from left, and nurses assistant Crystal Willis look over his medical history while on Burke's Hangover Heaven bus in Las Vegas. Burke treated 16 patients on the first day of his mobile treatment centre for tourists who spent the night before taking in all the nightlife Las Vegas has to offer. For a fee, they get a quick morning-after way to rehydrate, rejuvenate and resume their revelry.
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Miami

Life imitates art in case of missing actors

Two Cuban actors have gone missing en route to their film's premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival.

Javier Nunez Florian and Analin de la Rua de la Torre disappeared in Miami during a layover last week. Their film, Una Noche, premiered at Tribeca on Thursday.

Where the 20-year-old actors went remains unknown, but they are assumed to have defected.

Una Noche is about teenagers struggling in poverty who decide to defect to the United States.
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Poland

Scientist confirms the G-spot

Within the confines of science and the bedroom, the G-spot is something of a holy grail. For years, researchers have debated its existence in medical journals, while Lotharios have implied with a wink they already made the discovery.

But no one went as far as Adam Ostrzenski, a retired doctor who conducted a "stratum by stratum anterior vaginal wall dissection on an 83-year-old cadaver."

His study is the first to confirm the anatomical existence of the alleged pleasure zone inside the vaginal canal.
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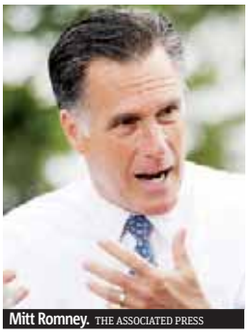
Mitt Romney. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mitt Romney is shifting from the deep conservatism he displayed before wrapping up the Republican presidential nomination toward a more centrist platform — an effort to appeal to independent voters who will decide whether he or President Barack Obama wins in November.

With main challenger Rick Santorum leaving the Republican contest earlier this month, Romney is all but certain to sweep primaries in five states Tuesday, marking a symbolic closure of the party's nomination process.

As voters in New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania cast ballots, the former Massachusetts governor won't be in any of those states for an expected victory celebration. Instead, he will return to New Hampshire, the state where a sweeping primary victory in January set him on the path to the nomination.

Romney plans a speech his aides say represents a definitive pivot away from the primary contest and toward the campaign against Obama.

Romney was drawn to the right on issues like immigration as he fought off challenges from other Republicans. On Monday, he signalled he was considering a wider range of immigration policies, including a proposal from Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida that would allow some young illegal immigrants a chance at visas to stay and study in the U.S. while denying them an opportunity to become citizens.

Romney on Monday also expressed his support for a temporary extension of lower interest rates for student loans.

That came just as Obama, who also supports the extension, embarked Tuesday on a tour through college campuses in North Carolina, Colorado and Iowa — three states strategically important to his re-election bid. Obama carried all three in 2008, but the states also could swing to Romney and help decide a close 2012 election.

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Hey look, it's the friendly death guy

Downtown Eastside avenger. Thanatos celebrates five years of costumed community work

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Metro in Vancouver

Page 1, panel 1. "These streets have a lot of stories to tell." Every corner, every nook and cranny in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside has a history. Tales of tragedy, legends of love, anecdotes of apathy, chronicles of compassion. Each person has a role to play.

Panel 2. The dark silhouette of a trench coat and brimmed hat enters the frame. Only the figure's green skull — death itself — is visible. The shadowy figure ominously reaches into a sack, grabs something and slowly takes his arm out to reveal ... a sock.

"Hey, how are you doing?" the costumed man cheerily asks. "Would you like a pair of socks? They're free!"

Enter Thanatos, the friendliest incarnation of the Grim Reaper you'll ever find, Vancouver's very own real-life charitable superhero.

This is his story. For the last five years, Thanatos — a 63-year-old professional, husband and father in his "real" life — has been strolling through the Downtown Eastside, handing out clothing, blankets, food and water to residents in need.

Like his comic-book heroes, his driving desire to dress up and patrol the area is driven by an overwhelming desire to make the world a better place, right wrongs and lend a helping hand to his community.

"I don't come from Krypton and wasn't bitten by a radioactive spider or anything like that," Thanatos, named after the Greek god of death, says of his origin story.

"I was working downtown, trying to help out on the streets, and noticing a lot of things happening … people living and dying on the streets.

"I was told by a police officer that some people on the street had nothing better to look forward to than death. That really stung, that really hurt me," he said, a slightly high-pitched voice barely muffled through the fabric hood. "So I said, 'If that's the case, then death better get out there and start taking care of these people.' I developed this persona to go out there and help."

He's been going strong ever since, garnering international media attention while using his unique — some say crazy — approach to giving back to shine a light on the poverty and social issues afflicting one of Canada's most infamous and misunderstood neighbourhoods.

His biggest claim to fame was a starring role in the 2011 HBO documentary Superheroes, which profiled some of the 400 Real-Life Superheroes operating throughout North America.

If local residents don't notice Thanatos from his adventures in the area, they've seen him on TV.

In fact, two fans had one such encounter on the hero's recent stroll through the DTES with Metro.

"You're awesome," said a stranger with long, ratty hair and a teardrop tattoo under his eye. "Keep up the good work."

A quick fist bump and Thanatos was back at delivering socks into the hands of people cowering under archways, door portals and bridge underpasses on a typical rainy day.

Onlookers laugh, passing motorists slow down for a look and camera phones are whipped out when Thanatos is near.

He's a draw, but it's not about him.

"It gets the attention where it's needed," the masked avenger says. "By using this persona, I've been able to spread the word about what's going on down there; I've been able to get more aid in the area. I'm asked by reporters if it actually works, and it's like, 'Well, you're here talking to me right now,' so it's obviously working."

And like any of his fictional heroes, Thanatos' work is never done.

"I'm an average person that just wants to do something and make a difference. People want to know what Real-Life Superheroes are all about," he says. "Apathy is the biggest killer out there. That's what we do: We fight apathy. We get people involved and we inspire them."

Final panel. The shadowy figure fearlessly runs toward his next adventure. To be continued.

Residents' reaction

Writer Nadia Fezzani visits the Downtown Eastside to find out what people think of Thanatos.

- Once on Hastings, I walked along a couple of blocks where there were lots of people. Some were selling drugs; others appeared to be selling stolen goods. I asked if they knew who the man who represented death was. Although some of them didn't know his name, many people knew but did not want to talk about him.
- One of the few who would speak about him was selling goods from a blanket spread out on the sidewalk. I asked her if she knew the superhero. "Yes," she said nervously. Watching her surroundings, she told me Thanatos was a very nice man but that she didn't really know much about him. As I was leaving, a few men approached me to tell me how amazing a man he is.

Vancouver Real-Life Superhero Thanatos. PETER TA

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An interview with Thanatos Necrium

Why did you choose Thanatos, or death, as your superhero character?
I've been doing this for a little more than four years. I've always been someone to get involved. I worked on my own down on Hastings Street and with small groups, trying to help out with the homeless with handouts and counselling and to point them in the right direction. It was very difficult, and I couldn't get anyone's attention. Nobody wanted to listen. One day, a police officer told me, "You know, people on the street really have nothing better to look forward to other than death." And that really stunned me. So I said, "If that is the case, then death is going to have to get out there and start taking care of these people!"

Does the mask have an impact on people?
I am drawing attention. Social workers see these people in the morning, and people don't remember them by the afternoon. Me, they remember. They remember the crazy guy with a mask out there helping and that's all I care about. I've had people from France, from Germany, from all over the States come to talk to me because I put on a mask and I'm drawing attention to a problem. Nobody wants to talk to me, Joe Blow. But they'll listen to Thanatos. There are people who say this is an ego trip. If this were an ego trip, would I hide behind the mask?

As a Real-Life Superhero, what do you do, exactly?
I'm an extra set of eyes and ears for the police. I help the homeless on the street with handouts of blankets, food, simple things like a loaf of bread, sometimes something as simple as human touch and companionship. I keep an eye on them and I draw attention to the plight of people who fall through the system and end up on the streets. In my city alone I've probably reached out and touched 600 people.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

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- **Slideshow: The women among the Real-Life Superheroes.**

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Putting the 'her' in superheroes

Currently, there are about 15 female Real-Life Superheroes in North America. Most of them work with a team or as one half of a couple, but some of them also act on their own

Red Light. Street patrol

Red Light NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Red Light was only 15 years old when she decided to make a difference by volunteering at an elder-care facility. At 17, she was doing homeless outreach. Six months ago, she started to patrol almost every night, sometimes 12 hours at a time. Today, she still patrols 15 to 20 hours a week.

Working alone, she has to be careful with her actions. For example, she helps people by talking down a dispute or finding rides for those who are too drunk to drive. When the situation is too risky, she serves as an extra set of eyes and ears, and calls authorities when she witnesses suspicious activities or mistreatment of animals.

She decided to start working toward her EMT certification after trying to rescue a man suffering from a heroin overdose. "Many of my other skills were picked up through experience. I learned how to fight by necessity. I learned vigilance by being different. I learned to stay calm in a crisis by conditioning," explains Red.

Growing up, she was subject to sexual abuse and domestic violence. She was also diagnosed with a malignant tumour in her stomach at 28 years old. It took her five years to get the necessary funds to go through her operation. She has become aware of her own mortality. "I feel like I've already been given extra time, so I'm not afraid of dying. Every day is another chance to make things better."

Now, with her red hair past her knees, she plans on donating it to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that takes human-hair donations and creates wigs for young chemotherapy patients.

"Life is only as bad as you let it be. It's easy to forget how much we have when it feels like we have to fight so hard to keep it. It hasn't stopped me from being kind to people. I still patrol. I still help others. Anyone can do something. Anyone." **NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO**

Purple Reign. Night crime

Purple Reign RYAN MCNAMEE/FOR METRO

For more than a year, Purple Reign was abused by her boyfriend — physically, emotionally and mentally. One night, when she was given permission to go out with friends — which didn't happen very often — Reign returned home to find her boyfriend angry and belligerent.

He attacked her.

"I told him I was going to call the police. I tried to escape and he kept coming after me," she says.

She threw open the door, yelling, hoping someone in the condo complex would hear her. No one came to her aid.

"He was choking me and banging my head against the floor. I started to lose consciousness and I couldn't breathe. I just gave up because I felt so low to begin with. I was finished fighting."

Finally spent, her boyfriend stopped hitting her. With the help of a domestic-violence lawyer, she kicked her boyfriend out and moved right away so her ex couldn't find her.

Within in a year, she met with Real Life Superhero Phoenix Jones and engaged in a healthy and loving relationship with him. She patrols with the Rain City Superheroes, a group of heroes from Seattle who fight crime at night.

She has since founded the non-profit Purple Reign Campaign — purplereigncampaign.org — through which she raises funds for the Northwest Family Life non-profit organization. They help victims of domestic abuse by proving them with education and assistance.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Women heroes

LORI FUSARO/FOR METRO

1 The Handler. Los Angeles
The owner of a dog-training school searches for strays animals and finds them new homes.

2 KatWoman. Cleveland
With the Underground Justice League Alliance, KatWoman engages in crime prevention and homeless outreach and helps locate missing people. A registered nurse, she also provides first aid to the injured.

3 Rock N. Roll. San Francisco
Rock N. Roll donates and distributes food and clothing to the less fortunate. She collects syringes in a public area frequented by intravenous drug users. She is the co-founder of the California Initiative and the S.T.A.N.D. news site.

4 Misery White. Minneapolis
Misery White champions anti-bullying, domestic-violence and child-abuse education and prevention programs. She also advocates for shelters, food banks and homeless outreach.

5 Crimson Catalyst. Chicago
Crimson Catalyst, a model and stage performer, patrols the streets and distributes food and supplies to the homeless. All of the meals are prepared by her.

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Tycoons look to space as next mining frontier

10-year plan. Filmmaker James Cameron, Google's Larry Page and Eric Schmidt back project

Space-faring robots could be extracting gold and platinum from asteroids within 10 years if a new venture backed by two Silicon Valley titans and filmmaker James Cameron goes as planned.

Outside experts are skeptical about the project, announced at a news conference in Seattle Tuesday, which would likely require untold millions, or perhaps billions of dollars and huge advances in technology. But the same entrepreneurs pioneered the selling of space rides to tourists — a notion that seemed fanciful not long ago, too.

Beginning the process

"It's the stuff of science fiction, but like so many other areas of science fiction, it's possible ... making them reality."
Thomas Jones, former astronaut

Planetary Resources mechanical engineer Peter Illsley puts finishing touches on a prototype model of a low-orbit spacecraft Tuesday in Seattle, with the plan to mine nearby asteroids such as the near-Earth asteroid Eros, inset.
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"Since my early teenage years, I've wanted to be an asteroid miner. I always viewed it as a glamorous vision of where we could go," Peter Diamandis, one of the founders of Planetary Resources, said at a news conference at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. The company's vision "is to make the resources of space available to humanity."

The inaugural step, to be achieved in the next 18 to 24 months, would be launching the first in a series of private telescopes that would search for the right type of asteroids.

The plan is to use commercially built robotic ships to squeeze rocket fuel and valuable minerals out of the rocks that routinely whiz by Earth. One of the company founders predicts they could have their version of a space-based gas station up and running by 2020.

Several scientists not involved in the project said they were simultaneously thrilled and wary, calling the plan daring, difficult — and very pricey. They don't see how it could be cost-effective, even with platinum and gold worth nearly $1,600 US an ounce.

An upcoming NASA mission to return just two ounces (60 grams) of an asteroid to Earth will cost about $1 billion US.

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Online filing cabinet. Google unveils digital content storage service

Google is hoping to build the world's largest digital filing cabinet in the latest attempt to deepen people's dependence on its services.

The Internet search leader's latest product stores personal documents, photos, videos and a wide range of other digital content on Google's computers. By keeping files in massive data centres, users will be able to call up the information on their smartphones, tablet computers, laptops and just about any other Internet-connected device. Google Inc. announced the long-rumoured service Tuesday. Called Google Drive, the service is offering the first five gigabytes of storage per account for free. Additional storage will be sold for prices starting at $2.49 US per month for 25 gigabytes up to $49.99 US per month for one terabyte.

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Competitors

While San Francisco startup Dropbox Inc. has emerged as the early favourite among consumers, another startup called Box Inc. has carved a niche offering online storage for businesses.

- Box has raised $162 million US in venture capital and boasts about 120,000 companies as clients.

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Canada-U.S. price gap scrutinized

Canada's retailers are blaming suppliers for the large gap between their prices and identical goods for sale south of the border, despite the nearly equal value of the two dollars. Canadian merchants are being unfairly singled out for having higher prices than their American counterparts, Diane Brisebois of the Retail Council of Canada told a Senate committee Tuesday.

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Britain

Novartis tries to push pricier drug on state hospitals

Swiss drug giant Novartis is taking legal action in Britain to make state-run hospitals use an eye drug that costs about 700 pounds ($1,120) per shot instead of a cheaper one that costs just 60 pounds ($95). A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine showed Avastin worked just as well as Lucentis for treating an eye disorder.

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James Murdoch's lobbying exposes ties to minister

Behind the scenes. Within minutes of testimony, opposition was calling on Olympic minister to step down

Protesters dressed up as Rupert Murdoch, left, and his son James pose for photographers as they demonstrate outside the Leveson inquiry at the High Court in London Tuesday. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News Corp. executive James Murdoch's behind-the-scenes lobbying campaign spilled out into the public domain Tuesday, casting a harsh light on the government's Olympics czar.

Murdoch was speaking before the media-ethics inquiry set up in the wake of the country's phone-hacking scandal, which has shaken the country's establishment with revelations of journalistic misdeeds, police corruption and corporate malpractice.

Some of Murdoch's testimony revisited his own role in the scandal, but far more explosive were revelations about how senior British ministers went out of their way to smooth the path for one of his biggest-ever business deals.

Particularly damning was correspondence showing how Olympics czar Jeremy Hunt secretly backed Murdoch's multibillion-dollar bid for full control of satellite broadcaster British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC.

As the minister charged with deciding whether to refer the takeover deal to Britain's competition authority, Hunt was meant to have been neutral.

"I am approaching the decision with total impartiality and following strict due process," Hunt told lawmakers in January 2011.

But a cache of text messages and emails published by the Leveson inquiry Tuesday suggested that Hunt was fighting on Murdoch's side the whole time.

"He said we would get there at the end, and he shared our objectives," was how an email from News Corp. lobbyist Frederic Michel described Hunt's attitude.

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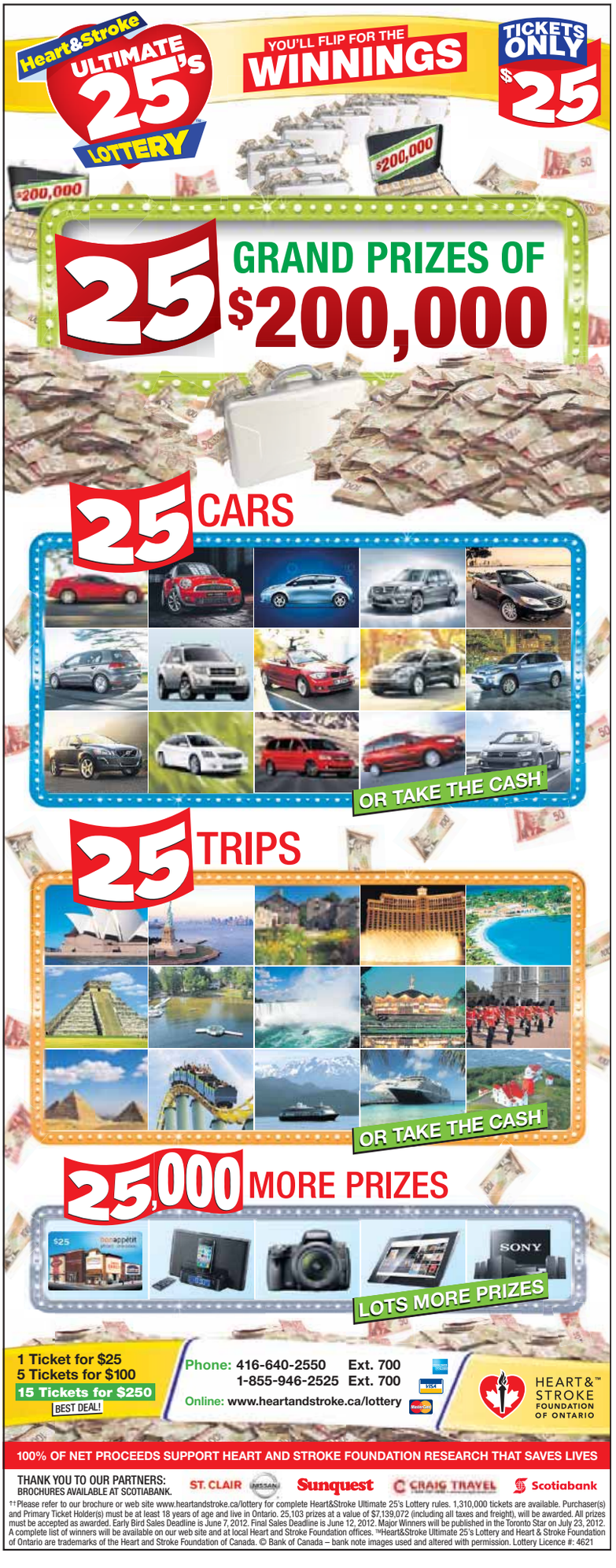
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Chris Bacik, a 22-year-old Western University student, flies his remote-controlled helicopter that he modified to carry a camera for aerial photography and video, in London, Ont., Wednesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Youth forge own paths

Getting started.
Young entrepreneurs are making their own strides toward self-employment

Chris Bacik has channelled inspiration from his childhood pastimes into a bankable business.

The 22-year-old is owner and operator of Sky Eye Media, a remote-controlled helicopter system that captures aerial photos and video. Images and footage collected are sought by clients like real estate agents and golf courses for promotional use.

And thanks to a $5,000 prize awarded through a business pitch competition for student startups, the Barrie, Ont., resident plans to use the cash infusion to create an enhanced system that will require two people to manoeuvre.

Bacik, who recently completed study in mechanical engineering and business at Western University in London, Ont., hasn't had to sift through want ads or scan through job sites looking for work: for the past two summers, he's been his own boss.

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Did you know there's an Internet Hall of Fame?

Well, there is, and the first inductees were announced on Monday— 33 in total, 30 men and three women. One of the women was known as Jake and another was named Mitchell. So far, Geek Valhalla is a man's world.

Oct. 29, 1969, 22:30 hours. That's when the first message was sent on ARPANET, the Internet's immediate predecessor. It was from the Nigerian foreign minister, offering the recipient $20 million in exchange for his bank-account number (LOL).

What did we do before?

It's hard to believe that the Internet is over 40, especially because the only people who really know how to use it are 14.

The Nigerian foreign minister is not among the inductees, but you'll be pleased to know that Al Gore is. Al, the 45th vice-president of the United States and the poster boy for climate change, is also famous for allegedly claiming to have invented the Internet, a universally ridiculed contention. Yet, there he is, one of the kids in the hall. Not for inventing the Internet per se, but coming pretty close: Hailed as a "Global Connector" and helping to invent "the information superhighway" along which many a frustrated computer illiterate has become electronic roadkill.

The truth is there's not exactly one inventor of the Internet, because a bunch of old white guys flipped the switches. But the honour for the vision could go to J.C.R. Licklider of MIT, who released a paper in August 1962 on a "Galactic Network," a globally interconnected set of computers through which everyone could quickly access data and programs from any site. It was called Amazon (LOL, again).

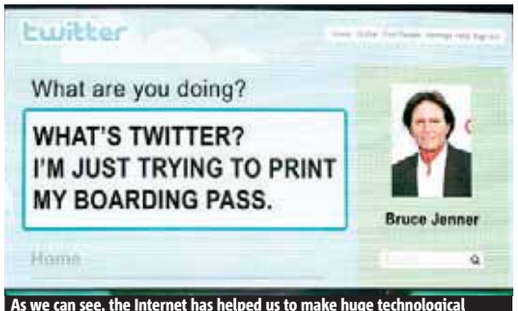
Oddly, Jeff Bezos, the man who actually invented Amazon, isn't on the list — at least not yet — while Craig Newmark is. Newmark, of course, invented Craigslist, without which there would be no roommates or used-car sales, so I guess he's more important.

It's hard to believe that the Internet is over 40, especially because the only people who really know how to use it are 14. We've come a long way from a time when pioneers such as Vint Cerf and Tim Berners-Lee (both inductees) envisioned a global electronic village to a day when people can pump out brainless, 140-character declarations about nothing 24-7.

I mean, where would we be without Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest and Netflix? Back in the cave with Don Draper ordering three-martini, smartphone-free lunches? The first email message went out in 1972, and it went straight to my junk mail folder along with the Viagra ads.

Imagine what it was like before that, a time before your pocket buzzed every 30 seconds and when you missed an episode of Game of Thrones you could only wait until next summer for the reruns.

Hard to imagine. Check it out: internethalloffame.org.



As we can see, the Internet has helped us to make huge technological advances. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Rubber hen in space? She's no chicken!

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Guinea pig

Rubber chicken flies into storm

SPACE. A plucky rubber chicken has been sent into space to study a solar storm. "Camilla" has boldly gone where no chicken has gone before, after being attached to a helium balloon and sent to an altitude of 36 kilometres.

The hen was used to test levels of radiation in one of the strongest proton storms since 2003. **METRO**

Bird in space

One powerful rubber mascot

SCIENCE PROJECT. The stunt was carried out by Bishop Union High School students in California, as part of their science project last month.

Many space enthusiasts will be familiar with Camilla, who is the mascot of NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory, and has more than 20,000 followers on social-media websites.

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Camilla's helium balloon pops.
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Camilla's flight

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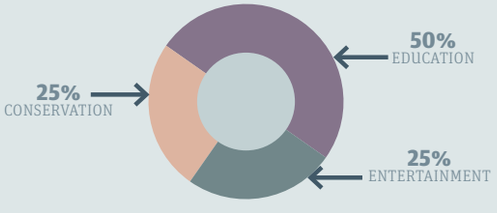

Twitter

@venividitweety: I suspect we are seeing a future Liberal MP in the making with Adam Carroll. #LPC #elxn41 #vikileaks #cdnpoli

@cody_mcgraw: If hail knocks me unconscious during work hours, do I still get workers comp?

@Harpreett: #JustRememberThat you are responsible for your own happiness. Do what YOU gotta do to make your life better. Don't rely on others

@fidgetguru: If you ask me, Harold the Jewellery Buyer has that rare and unique gem Dr Villainy needs to complete construction on his Death Ray.

@GoJays: How does the NDP wring concessions out of the Libs and then ABSTAIN from voting on the budget? Cowardice.

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Jason Statham doesn't stray far from his wheelhouse in his new movie, Safe. HANDOUT

Statham's safety zone: Guns, girls and hard glares

If it ain't broke... It may have all been done before by the action star, but his new film is likely to be a Safe bet at the box office

IN FOCUS
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Movie tough-guy Jason Statham is either remarkably consistent or just really enjoys playing guys who can break your neck with his steely gaze. Whatever the case, when you pay your money for a Statham flick, you know in advance what you're getting into.

In this weekend's Safe, the gravelly-voiced action hero digs deep into his bag of tricks to play Luke Wright, a.k.a. Statham Character #2. That's the "loner with a past who must protect a youthful innocent." (As opposed to Statham Character #1 in which he plays "a loner with a past who must protect a loved one.")

Like his other movies, Safe is a marketers dream. Here's a sample ad:

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Jason Statham's Steely Glare: Priceless

Recently a scientific poll — OK, I posted a question on Facebook — posed this question: What makes Statham movies so popular? Here are some of the comments:

Jason Statham

His über-macho presence is more important than the script — as long as he is in motion, running and leaping, kicking and punching, his films work.

- His Blue Steel stare puts Zoolander to shame!
- His complete lack of facial movement? It's like if Buster Keaton were an emotionless British killing machine.
- He always manages to kick someone's butt while being tied to a chair.
- Not since Don Johnson, circa Miami Vice, has an actor managed to maintain a perfect three-day stubble...

Let's face it, his movies are more than a bit predictable. "You gotta be kidding me!" you'll be tempted to groan at some of the plot twists — if only the movie's characters didn't beat you to it.

They are cliché-a-thons, but because Statham understands his audience and persona, his films are dumb good fun. His über-macho presence is more important than the script. As long as he is in motion, running and leaping, kicking and punching, and giving voice to action-movie platitudes in his distinctive English rasp, his pictures work.

Statham has made films like Transporter, Killer Elite and The Mechanic over and over again. Different title, and sometimes with a big- name supporting cast (like Robert De Niro and Clive Owen) and sometimes not (Safe co-stars newcomer Catherine Chan), but the story of a tough guy who lives in a world where "Everybody knows the rules — there are no rules," is the common thread.

Statham, however, says he's open to showing audiences another side of his personality.

When a Huffington Post writer asked if he would make a rom-com with Reese Witherspoon he said, "Of course, I would love to do that. But my phone is right there and it ain't f—ing ringing."

2 SCENE

Scene in brief

Seacrest staying on with Idol

Ryan Seacrest is sticking around as host of American Idol. The Fox network said Monday night that Seacrest will continue as host of the hit TV singing-competition series, over which he has presided since its premiere a decade ago. The network gave no specifics about the length of his new contract, or any monetary details. Seacrest called the show's run until now "a wild ride," and said he is excited it will continue with him on board.
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Rising singer plucked from obscurity

Musical breakthrough. With a little help from Justin Bieber, Carly Rae Jepsen now has a big hit on her hands

Quote

"So far Justin hasn't taken on the boss attitude, which is nice. He's been more of a really good supporter and friend. He's also given me a bit of a boost of confidence because you struggle for so many years."

Carly Rae Jepsen
On working with Justin Bieber

Carly Rae Jepsen is playing cupid — on an international scale.

Her catchy hit Call Me Maybe is about giving someone you don't know your phone number. The 26-year-old Canadian singer hopes the lyrics will inspire people to take a risk on love — even though she hasn't had the guts to do it that way herself.

"I have never actually given a guy my phone number before," Jepsen said in a recent interview.

"You have to live vicariously through your music, so I figure if I was ever that brave, that is how I would give a guy my number."

Call Me Maybe is in the top 5 on iTunes and has hit No. 1 in the U.K., Canada and Australia.

The track was first spotted by fellow Canadian Justin Bieber, who signed Jepsen to his manager's record label, Schoolboy Records/Interscope. He gave the song a big boost by appearing in a YouTube video along with Selena Gomez and Ashley Tisdale, where they mimed and danced along to the song.

The video has now clocked nearly 35 million views on YouTube.

Why do you think people have related to Call Me Maybe?

A lot of the reason people have been able to hear it is because of Justin's support. Why people are responding so well is kind of a mystery to me, but it is wonderful.

What did you think when you saw Justin Bieber's YouTube video?

I was talking to my mom at the time and it popped up on my Facebook. There had been a couple of mock videos that fans had done and stuff, so I thought it was one of those. But I was like, 'That guy looks like Justin Bieber and that girl looks like Selena Gomez,' and by the time Ashley Tisdale came on, I was like, 'Mom, I got to go!' and I had a little freakout.

Have you seen the other ones by Katy Perry and James Franco?

And Miley Cyrus did one too — it's insane. It's kind of a cool little thing that has started — celebrities but also lots of different fans putting together videos. And everyone always looks so happy.

What's Justin like as a boss?

So far Justin hasn't taken on the boss attitude, which is nice. He's been more of a really good supporter and friend. He's also given me a bit of a boost of confidence because you struggle for so many years.

Is he OK with you beating him? In the U.K., you outsold him two-to-one.

(Laughs) Oh, I think we had a little friendly competition going on.

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Singer Carly Rae Jepsen got a big boost from an unexpected source. JONATHAN SHORT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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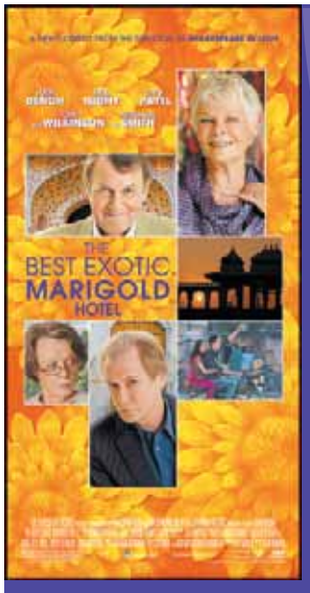

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What is Tafelmusik, you may ask?

Tafelmusik is a Germanic word for "table music" or "music for the feast."

Here in Toronto, such celebratory themes are at the heart of Toronto's Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir, an award-winning period orchestra that celebrates the best of baroque music.

Tafelmusik's 2011/2012 season culminates in May with their performance of one of Beethoven's greatest symphonies: Eroica.

Eroica is a symphony in four movements, of which the second is perhaps the most famous, as it has often been used in funeral marches.

Beethoven wrote Eroica in 1803, originally dedicating the symphony to Napoleon Bonaparte, whom Beethoven felt personified the ideals of the recent French Revolution.

Interestingly enough, by the time the symphony was finished, Napoleon had declared himself emperor of France, causing Beethoven to rescind the dedication in a fit of anger.

German conductor Bruno Weil will be conducting Tafelmusik's performances of Eroica.

Eroica will be the final Tafelmusik performance of the season at Toronto's Koerner Hall. Koerner Hall, at the Royal Conservatory of Music, is one of the Toronto's finest venues, with perhaps some of the greatest acoustics in the entire city — ideal to take in an act like Tafelmusik.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Celebrity fetus round-up

THE WORD
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It's a slow gossip day, so let's check in with everyone's favourite subject: The uteri of the stars!

First up: Jessica Simpson, who, it should be noted, is still pregnant. (At this point, does anyone else feel like Simpson is going to be in the Guinness Book of World Records for "mammal with the longest gestation period," right next to "elephant"?)

"I just woke up from a dream that I wore a leopard caftan in the hospital. Fabulous!!" Simpson tweeted Tuesday. "Now I need to find one!"

Even the Fashion Star mentor knows this is a seemingly never-ending pregnancy: "To everyone who keeps congratulating me on the birth of my baby girl ... I'm still pregnant!!" Simpson tweeted Saturday. "Don't believe what you read, ladies and gents."

Meanwhile, Life & Style is reporting that Drew Barrymore, who has yet to confirm her pregnancy, is, like Simpson, having a girl. A source close to Drew "exclusively revealed" the sex of the child to Life & Style.

I'd take this news with a grain of salt, folks, as no "close" friend would sell out such sacred information to a tabloid. That being said, there's a 50/50 chance that this made-up information is correct. Good job of hedging your bets, Life & Style!

And, just in case you missed it: Giuliana and Bill Rancic, whose struggles with infertility are well documented, announced Monday on Today that they are going to have a baby via a gestational carrier.

"She is giving us the greatest gift we're ever getting in our lives," Giuliana, 37, tells People of the woman whose identity has not been revealed. "She's so selflessly helping make our dream a reality. We adore her."

Let's just hope this gestational carrier isn't on the Jessica Simpson timeline of giving birth.

Katy Perry ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Katy spotted cuddling with Florence and the Machine guitarist

It looks like Katy Perry is moving on after her divorce from Russell Brand.

The pop singer was spotted at the Coachella music festival holding hands, cuddling and generally acting like a couple with Florence and the Machine guitarist Robert Ackroyd, according to Hollyscoop.

Of course, Perry has also recently been linked to French singer and model Baptiste Giabiconi, with his rep going so far as to confirm their getting to know each other.

Baby on board: Drew celebrates pregnancy

Drew Barrymore and fiancé Will Kopelman have plenty to celebrate, what with both a wedding and a baby reportedly on the way, so this weekend was the perfect time for a shower.

"Everyone was doting on pregnant Drew and asking her how she is feeling," a source tells Us Weekly of the party, held at producer Leonard Goldberg's home.

"She is so thrilled to be expecting, and also really excited about the wedding."

Twitter

@jimmykimmel
I had the pleasure of working with Dick Clark many times — great guy. Some trivia: did you know he HATED music?

@katyperry
When is the Sublime hologram coming to coachella?! #805

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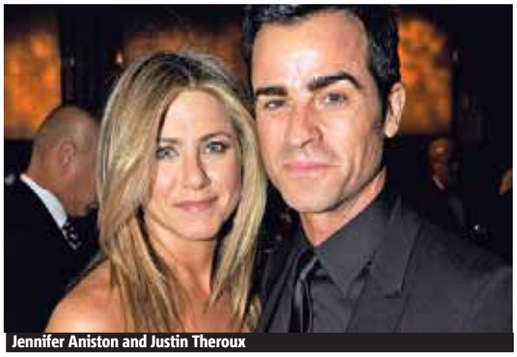
Just back from Disneyland, sunblock wore off, my shnozz has been replaced by an eggplant.



Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux

Aniston scoping out wedding venues on the island of Crete?

Jennifer Aniston reportedly used a recent European vacation with Justin Theroux to scope out potential wedding venues, according to TMZ.

The pair are said to have been particularly enamored with Elouda Beach, a remote and secluded fishing port on the island of Crete — which also happens to be the birthplace of Aniston's father.

Of course, the couple hasn't announced an engagement, let alone a wedding date, but sources tell TMZ Aniston is thinking about July.

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Travel in brief

Where to get the world's best sandwich

Grill some salami and baloney. Add Swiss or cheddar cheese. Slather on mustard. Put between yellow bread. What do you get? According to Travel and Leisure magazine, one of the world's best sandwiches. It's the Wilensky's Special, served at Wilensky's Light Lunch at the corner of Fairmont and Clark streets in Montreal's Mile End area. The diner was made famous by Mordecai Richler in his novel The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz and has an ambience that, according to Frommer's, "can best be described as Early Jewish Immigrant." "Served on wax paper, the sandwich comes with rules: it always has mustard and is never halved," says Travel and Leisure. The price: $4.99 (50 cents less without the cheese).

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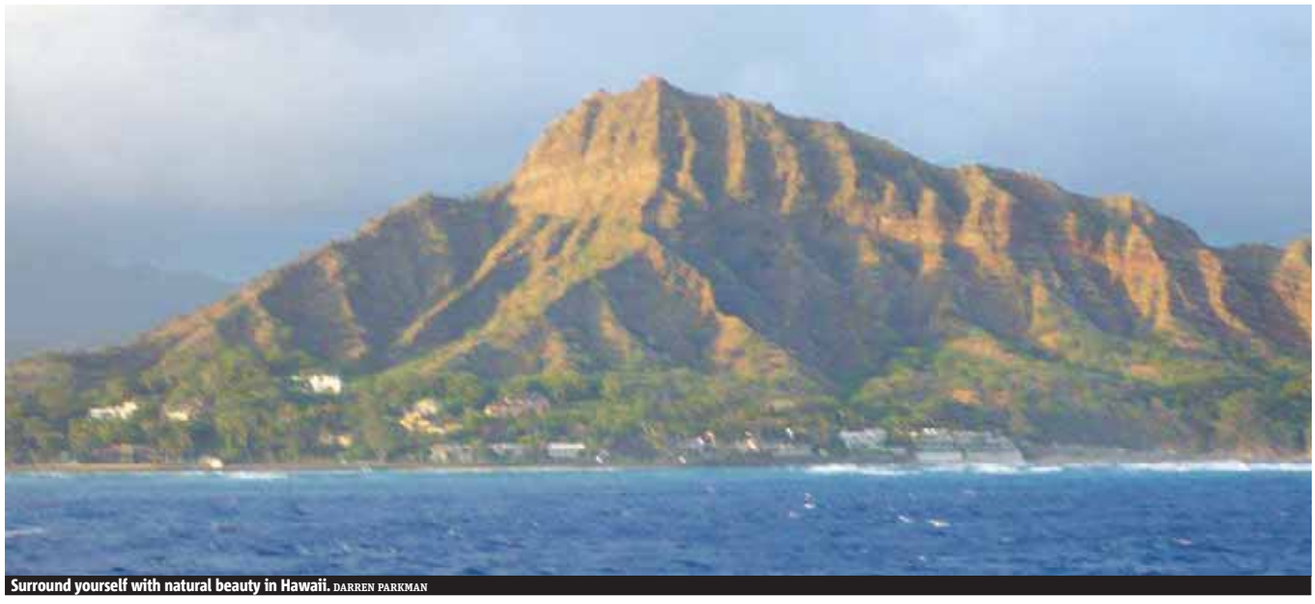
Don't stay home because you lack a companion: Tips for travelling solo.



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Oahu's underwater views something to see

Submarine fun. The Travellin' Canadian overcomes his fear of small spaces for a deep-sea adventure

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Pineapples and hula dancers are one thing, but deep-sea diving in a real submarine is quite another.

Despite my gripping fear of confined spaces, I found myself signing up for an undersea submarine adventure aboard the world's largest high-tech passenger sub — the Atlantis — during a recent respite to sunny Oahu.

Claim to fame aside, the Atlantis seemed downright tiny as I climbed down the narrow staircase to take my place inside this cramped metal tomb.

Thankfully, it was fully air-conditioned, but still I was sweating profusely as we sunk lower and lower down into the depths.

But the sights soon made me forget about my cowardice. The trip is well worth its cost of $100. The undersea scenery is nothing short of spectacular, with an abundance of intricate reefs surrounded by fascinating sea critters. Gazing through my tiny seaport, I even spied a rather large and menacing reef shark swimming towards us.

That's around the time my fear of confined spaces was replaced with my other crushing phobia — sharks. Luckily, even sharks can't bite through submarines, so all was well.

After floating by an authentic shipwreck and amazing artificial reefs, I felt like it was plenty of adventure for the price as we made our way back to the surface.

Then it was time to partake in what has become a very trendy pastime in Hawaii these days — something called paddle-boarding.

For days, I'd seen people everywhere standing on surfboards with long paddles, riding waves and having fun. It appeared to be fairly easy. Turns out it really isn't.

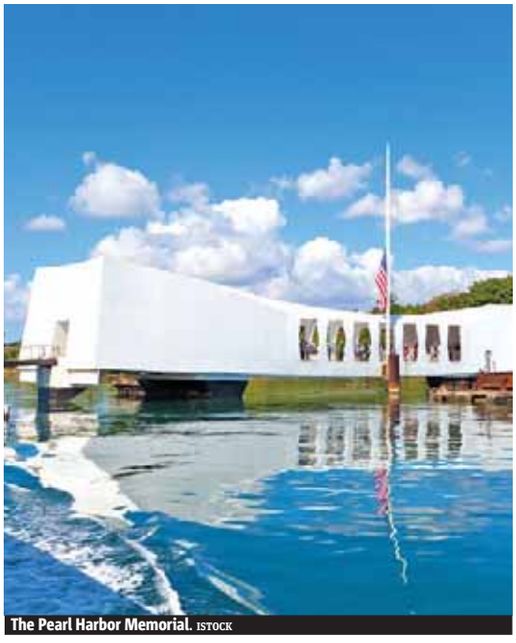
Who knew you needed actual balancing skills to tackle this fun sport? So with gorgeous Diamond Head as a backdrop and paddle in hand, I hopped on my board and promptly fell in the ocean, all in one motion. Repeated attempts produced the same results.

After 19 or so tries, I actually was able to balance on the wobbly board and paddle around for a bit before again plummeting into the drink.

Turns out this paddle-boarding thing is actually quite a workout. I found just falling and climbing back onto the board multiple times was exhausting.

But that's OK — it's all part of fun on the water in Honolulu.

Aloha, baby!



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Welcome to the wonderful world of the Disney Fantasy

Family-friendly cruising. New Disney ship isn't just for kids — with a spa and fine dining, parents are also in for a good time

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"Aaaaah!" is all I hear before I get splashed by a father and his son dropping down from a huge water slide. Clearly there's no shortage of screams and laughter aboard the new Disney cruise ship, Disney Fantasy. From "All aboard!" to "Are you ready?", your cruise will be action–packed, with plenty of activities and shows.

Action

Families and water-lovers will have a blast on decks 11 and 12 with water coasters, water sprouts, water games, two pools for children and one for adults. Get your thrills on the huge aerial slide. The AquaDuck is a one of kind — a 765-foot-long water coaster that spans four decks in height. A powerful stream of water propels guests on a little inflatable boat downhill, uphill and in various loops. Or if you feel like immersing yourself, have fun with the little ones in the shallow and warm Mickey Mouse pool. If you feel more like getting in a few laps, move to the Donald Duck pool where you'll be swimming pretty briskly to brave the cool waters. You might want to opt for the hot tub facing the ocean after that.

Rested yet? Be ready after a hearty meal and an evening of entertainment with live Disney productions on stage, and activities, fireworks and a dance party through the night on deck 11.

Indulgence

Now, if your idea of a cruise is quiet, indulgence and refinement, be Disney Fantasy's guest. If you came as a family, drop your children at Disney's Oceaneer Club, where they will have a blast playing with other children and taking part in the hundreds of activities that are offered.

Once the kids are looked after, head to the Senses Spa and Salon for an ultimate pampering retreat. Enjoy an oasis of calm and let the rainforest saunas and water therapies relax your mind and muscles. Soak in a jacuzzi on a private veranda facing the sea while waiting for your treatment. You can choose from a variety of signature massages and treatments that will surely erase any stress and fatigue left in your body and mind. If you'd like to be active, but without any Disney characters fooling around, you can head to the gym next to the spa and exercise while admiring the ocean through the huge glass panels. You can also go for a swim in the adults-only pool and enjoy a cocktail in the sunshine with friends at the bar.

Romance and elegance is what you will find at Remy. This upscale restaurant offers fine French cuisine in a stylish Art Nouveau setting with a softly-lit ambiance for a dinner to remember. The view of the ocean through the windows is breathtaking and all in this restaurant is designed to please your senses and create an intimate vibe. Palo is another fine adult-exclusive restaurant you might want to try for a taste of northern Italian flair. Also located on deck 12, it offers the same superb panorama view of the sea and an equally elegant setting.

Bars and lounges abound on Disney Fantasy and it will be your call to choose between a quiet alcove for a chat over a coffee or a cheerful happy hour. The Tube nightclub offers partygoers the possibility to end the night shimmying on an illuminated dance floor.

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CEO hopes visitors will 'Revel' in new Atlantic City resort

Betting on the future.
There's a lot more than just blackjack and gambling at this $2.4 billion resort

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Atlantic City's new Revel resort offers guests the height of luxury. PHOTOS: MEL EVANS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Kevin DeSanctis began his career in Atlantic City many years ago, the CEO of the gambling mecca's new $2.4 billion Revel resort and casino wasn't working for casinos — he was monitoring them as a New Jersey state trooper.

His transformation into the top official at the resort town's most expensive creation ever is about as radical a makeover as the scuffling city needs from Revel to usher in a turnaround.

Its arrival comes at a time when Pennsylvania's "convenience" casinos just took over as the second-most revenue-drawing, by state, in the country. Speculation is that Atlantic City could do itself a favour in the years ahead by bulldozing a couple of its weakest links.

(It now has 11 casinos, including Revel.)

"Casinos in Pennsylvania and New York are part of a convenience market. They've become not much different than [gamblers'] local bars," DeSanctis said of the proliferation of competition for gambling dollars.

"We believe we offer a great alternative."

The alternative Revel offers is in its "leisure" approach to entertainment. Gone — forever, perhaps? — are the days where Atlantic City's resorts catered mostly to gamblers. DeSanctis said a fundamental shift at Revel will be a new emphasis on entertainment outside of the sea of slots and blackjack tables.

In a stark contrast to its chief competitor for patrons, Borgata and its sister resort, the Water Club, Revel embraces Atlantic City's greatest natural resource.

"You can't build on the beach and turn your back to the ocean," DeSanctis said. During a tour of the property with Revel's principal architect, Michael Prifti, who also oversaw construction of the Borgata nine years ago, the Atlantic Ocean is visible from almost everywhere in the resort.

The Revel Beach is still under construction, but will be ready by the official opening on the U.S. Memorial Day weekend in May. The current earth-moving along the northernmost stretch of the boardwalk includes creating a beach with small waves for waders and larger breakers for surfers, Prifti said.

The ocean is as dominant upon a trip around the resort as the main gambling floor itself.

"I don't think anyone appreciates having to walk through a casino to get to your hotel room," Prifti said. "What we're trying to do is make people feel that they're going to have a good time."

It's a feeling Atlantic City needs a lot more of in the coming months and years ahead if it's going to remake itself in the era of convenience gambling.

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- **NYC's culinary influence.** Acclaimed chefs Alain Allegretti and Marc Forgione are also opening high-end Mediterranean and steakhouse restaurants. As you can imagine, all the eateries have panoramic views of the ocean.
- **The Social.** Like the Borgata, Revel has a massive concert venue — 5,500 seats — but also an intriguing secondary space like The Social, which seats 700 for live entertainment and can convert to provide different experiences depending on the act.
- **Sand.** Unlike most of Atlantic City's casinos, there is an emphasis on the ocean. Revel also remade thousands of feet of the boardwalk that links the resort to the beach — very little possibility of splinters.

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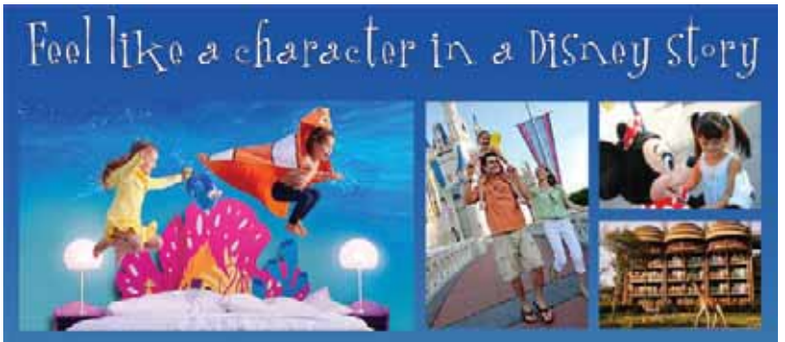

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Local ingredients shine in Butternut Squash, Spinach and Feta Frittata

"Butternut squash is a great local food for all of Canada," says Toronto-based Christy Brissette, a registered dietitian and spokesperson for Dietitians of Canada. "The frittata is full of beta-carotene. It's also a way to enjoy some greens and get some vegetables in there."

It can be served with a salad or a steamed green vegetable such as peas or beans. For a protein boost, sprinkle with toasted nuts or seeds.

This recipe serves 12. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Ingredients

- 1 butternut squash (about 2 lb/1 kg), peeled and cubed (1 to 1.25 litres/4 to 5 cups)
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) peeled and cubed potatoes
- 1 pkg (300 g/10 oz) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) thinly sliced red onion
- 8 eggs
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) 1% milk
- 1 mL (1/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded cheddar cheese
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) crumbled feta cheese

1. Grease 33-by-23-cm (13-by-9-inch) glass baking dish. Then place squash in microwave-safe bowl and cover with plastic wrap, leaving a corner open to vent. Microwave on high for 5 minutes or until fork-tender. Drain off excess liquid. Stir in potatoes, spinach and red onion. Spread in baking dish.

2. In a bowl, whisk eggs, milk and pepper. Pour over veg and stir to distribute. Sprinkle evenly with cheddar and feta.

3. Bake in 200 C (400 F) oven 40 mins. or until eggs are set.

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REAPING THE REWARDS

EXPLORE THE GROWING WORLD OF INCENTIVES WITH REWARDS CANADA

GEORGE DOYLE/STOCKBYTE/THINKSTOCK

If you are uncertain where to look for travel deals in a marketplace that is fast becoming a social media maze, Rewards Canada can help you map out a shortcut to savings. The easy-to-navigate website has a surplus of information on building rewards points for travel, whether it be earning frequent flyer miles with a specific airline or saving on the best hotels.

Rewards Canada has you covered with the most efficient ways to effortlessly maximize your travel savings.

Initially launched in September 2001, Rewards Canada provides easy access to articles, charts and information on all the current programs available. By simply visiting the website, consumers are able to pinpoint the most up-to-date offers. These incentives are quickly gaining momentum with Canadians in the know and there is a plethora of reasons to keep up with Rewards Canada.

According to Patrick Sojka, CEO and founder, many consumers are becoming knowledgeable in regards to the best ways to utilize rewards.

"The programs themselves are doing a good job of promoting the benefits of loyalty programs and consumers are getting very savvy by taking the time to learn all the ins and outs to make sure they maximize their experience in the world of earning the miles/points," he says.

Some of the most popular programs are Aeroplan and Air Miles, but Sojka says that newer programs are also rising through the ranks. For instance, WestJet Rewards have been gaining momentum over the last six months as it has broadened its focus to include the leisure traveller as well as the business traveller.

Rewards Canada currently focuses exclusively on travel rewards, but over the next year it will also be exploring further loyalty offers such as cash back credit cards. For those who may be uncertain how to get started, Sojka says all the information is just a mouse click away.

"You just simply have to visit Rewardscanada.ca to become aware of existing opportunities, but we also have a weekly newsletter that provides a roundup of all the items added to website over the previous week," he explains.

Rewards Canada also features a blog and utilizes social media tools such as Facebook and Twitter. With a constant stream of new programs materializing, Sojka believes the choices are always growing and only getting better.

"It's an evolutionary process," he says. "New programs come out and improve on what the older ones provide."

To learn more, visit rewardscanada.ca/. *– Nicole Trask*

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RECEIVE A WELL-DESERVED RETURN

There are customer loyalty incentives popping up everywhere, whether the focus is shopping, dining, fuel or even coffee.

Starbucks is one of the latest establishments to get on board with its My Starbucks Rewards card, which allows you to earn "stars" with every purchase. These can lead to free refills, a complimentary drink on your birthday, or a shot of syrup or soy milk at no extra charge. Once you have earned 30 points, Starbucks bumps you up to gold and the options expand even further.

The shopping options are also endless with Indigo Books and Music, Chapters, Sobeys and Staples, all offering a bounty of attractive deals. The Body Shop features the Love Your Body card, which allows members to receive 10 per cent off all qualifying purchases, birthday gift cards and exclusive offers during customer appreciation days.

With all the rewards programs bursting onto the scene, it has become easier than ever for loyal customers to save, feel appreciated and receive a well-deserved return on their purchases.

– Nicole Trask

OPTIONS ABOUND

FOR YOUR POINTS

Have you ever looked at piles of rewards points, thinking, "I can't get anything for that?" Take hope. You might not score that dream vacation, but there are ways to get something else worthwhile.

INSTANT REDUCTIONS

Some programs recognize clients don't want to save up — they want savings, now. Air Miles began a "cash" program in March due to customer demand. "They really wanted the instant benefit of being able to get cash off," says Rachel MacQueen, a spokesperson for Air Miles. "It's picking up great momentum."

Linda DiMaria is a Toronto-based collector who likes the idea of cheaper gas and groceries.

"In this day and age, when money is a little scarce, it's nice to be able to use it towards things that we do need right now," she says.

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TRADE 'EM IN

Explore whether you can exchange dead-weight points for useful ones. Your card issuer may already have agreements with other programs: For example, certain CIBC credit cards, American Express and Diners Club points can be converted into Aeroplan Miles. You need to own both accounts in the exchange. Be aware the exchange rate may not be a direct one-to-one.

There is also the Toronto-based company Points.com, which allows you to trade points with other cardholders — for a fee. "There's a lot of overlap in the types of programs that people are participating in," says Points.com president Christopher Barnard.

"We've spent the last 10 years building up a really great relationship with companies around the world." That allows the unique service to move trades securely from one account to another.

INTANGIBLE ITEMS

"I redeem online and get the gift cards through the mail, though I only do it once or twice a year after the points have accumulated," says Jessica Patterson, a Calgary-area collector. As a bonus, she can use the cards to shop for items on sale. If you are with RBC Rewards, you could even apply the points towards your mortgage or RRSP. "It's our fastest growing redemption option," says RBC spokesperson Matthew Gierasimczuk.

DONATE

Many points programs allow you to donate to charity. There are big causes like Engineers Without Borders and War Child Canada, but some programs also allow small charities to register like the local Scouts troop, daycare, or food bank. Some offer a charitable tax receipt.

Overall, Patrick Sojka, the editor of Rewards Canada.ca, thinks the field of non-traditional rewards may continue to see more options. "There are some people who have way more miles and points than they know what to do with," he says.

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LOYAL CONSUMERS

CANADIANS CHOOSE RETAILERS BASED ON REWARDS: SURVEY

DIGITAL VISION/THINKSTOCK

Canadian consumers aren't the only ones who love loyalty points and rewards.

Retailers — from airlines and banks to grocery stores and hotels — love the sticky habits that keep their best customers coming back for more, new research shows.

A whopping 92 per cent of Canadians belong to at least one loyalty program.

The technical term for that sky-high participation rate is "everybody," quips Rob Daniel, vice-president of loyalty and research at Maritz Canada, a consulting firm that specializes in reward programs.

"The main reason why people love points and loyalty programs is really simple," he says. "They love the idea they're getting something in return for behaviours they would do anyway."

Each Canadian carries an average of six loyalty cards, although those who earn more than $125,000 per year have double that number.

Here's the part that businesses love: Affluent consumers are most likely to change their shopping patterns to accommodate loyalty programs.

That's according to a year-long survey commissioned by Maritz that spoke to more than 6,600 Canadians and covered 59 loyalty programs. It was released in February.

About two-thirds of those surveyed said they are more likely to continue doing business with a company that has a loyalty program. And just more than one-third, 35 per cent, have driven past one retailer to get to another one where they can earn more points.

"Participation in loyalty programs is universal," Daniel says. "What's surprising is that 62 per cent were willing to raise their hand and say it's a marketing scheme that actually pushes them to continue doing business with one brand over another."

That compares to just 10 per cent who will admit traditional marketing, such as advertising in newspapers, flyers or on TV, influences their shopping pattern.

"Consumers told us they are particularly loyal to programs that make them feel special, offer non-monetary privileges for members only, and communicate often in ways that consumers find personally relevant and interesting," Daniel adds.

– Torstar News Service

GETTING A RUSH

The Maritz Canada study on loyalty programs also found: 38 per cent of those surveyed will purchase a different brand than they normally use in order to maximize loyalty benefits; 69 per cent said the programs are worth the effort of participating; 45 per cent get a rush from watching loyalty program balances grow.

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The mid-career move

Dreaming of a different desk? Those daring to dive into an entirely different career are not alone in their aspirations

JULIA WEST
Metro World News in Philadelphia

Look before you leap. There may be another line of work that suits your current skills perfectly. ISTOCK

It could be the small uptick in the economy. It could be the fact that jobs that didn't exist before — think IT and social media managers — are ever increasing. Whatever the case, mid-career changes aren't all that unusual anymore.

While it helps to research which industries have room for crossovers, the process begins with knowing you want a fresh start.

"What I have realized is how important it is to really figure out what it is that you want to do before transitioning," explains Lauren C. Lilling, who went from finance and investment banking to opening Keep it Sweet Desserts, a catering and delivery bakery based outside New York City.

"It can be a huge financial risk and very stressful and you truly need to believe in what you're doing."

Don't really have a sweet spot for the cupcake industry? Consider making the move over to an expanding field.

Career networking website LinkedIn recently teamed up with the Council of Economic Advisors to analyze industry growth from 2007 to 2011.

Among the fastest-growing industries is social media, which includes positions you may see cropping up more recently on job boards, such as social media managers.

Not surprisingly, IT and health care were also among the industries expected to expand, and they have plenty of room for those looking for a career change.

"Some of the skills required to succeed in these industries can be acquired in others," explains Uva Coles, dean of career management services at Pierce College in Philadelphia.

"In other words, many career-changers can leverage transferable skills and experience like accuracy, attention to detail, data entry, coding and medical terminology."

Keep the faith

"What I have realized is how important it is to really figure out what it is that you want to do before transitioning. It can be a huge financial risk and very stressful and you truly need to believe in what you're doing."

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Posen is a family physician based out of Ontario who specializes in stress management.

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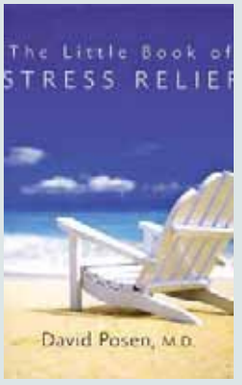

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The dos and don'ts of post-grad internships

You've been selected

Now it's time to brush up on the ins and outs of being an intern

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Don't settle for any old workplace situation. A new internship is a good opportunity to challenge yourself. ISTOCK

Do:

Look for internships that are challenging.
One of the purposes of an internship is to help you progress as a person and as an employable candidate.

Aim high.
The internship should either be slightly outside your skill set or be with a higher-profile organization than you've worked with in the past. You may not be able to land a full-time permanent position like this straight out of school, but employers big and small love taking on and training eager interns.

Feel excited about working for the company you choose.
Internships, while beneficial to your resumé, can take a lot out of you — especially when you receive little or no pay. The better you make yourself feel about this short-term career investment, the better you'll perform.

Don't:

Act unprofessionally
Treat the internship like a real job — show up on time or early, make yourself useful, avoid mistakes (or own up to them when you make them) and stay late if necessary.

Expect to be hired after your internship.
An internship is not an extended interview. While some students and recent grads are hired following an internship, it's not a given. Keep yourself open to all opportunities.

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Student Voice

Recruiters, be realistic

Seeba Alexander
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After finishing school for the second time, finding a job in the creative design field was harder than I thought it would be. In college, getting a good placement in graphic design was also difficult.

In desperation, I took an unpaid internship. As it was unpaid, traveling, supporting myself financially and maintaining my part-time job was tough, not to mention physically and mentally draining.

The company expected me to work eight hours a day with only a 30-minute lunch. It was so terrible that I had to quit my paying job to focus on the internship.

After school was over, applying for jobs was tough. The worst part about applying is when employers say they will call you to let you know if they are interested or not, and then don't bother to follow up.

I applied to retail, hoping to land a design-related job in the company later on, but no postings have appeared.

While working at my retail job and being on a probation period, I applied for an unpaid internship with a company who was interested in me. However, they wanted me to commit to four days a week, but my schedule was not fixed at the other job. I told them my situation and they said that interning for two or three days instead was not possible.

I have applied to jobs on the OCAD job site and received two replies, one for a paying job and the other for an unpaid position.

For internships, companies should compensate in some way. Otherwise, accept the fact that students have part-time jobs that they are committed to for financial reasons. If a student says they can only give two or three days in a week, it's not that they don't want to work more. They have no choice.

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From working for free to finally getting hired

Intern to employee.
A guide to securing a spot by someone who managed to do it

JUSTINE ABIGAIL YU
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Ah, the beloved and yet begrudged unpaid internship. Is there any other position that elicits more mixed feelings?

It's an incredible opportunity that gives you that competitive edge to build your career, opens doors to much-needed work experience, and puts you in touch with a whole slew of potentially critical contacts.

But no monetary compensation? Zero? Nada? Zilch? It's a bit of a tough pill to swallow because those student loans are not going to pay themselves and you do kind of need to eat.

I spent months as an intern for an international non-governmental organization and I turned that unpaid internship into a paid, previously non-existent job.

How? Let me tell you how it's done…

Work as hard as you can
Well, obviously. This should go without saying, but you've really got to treat the internship like a real job. Take ownership of any and all of the tasks that are thrown your way. For the next coming months, that internship is your baby and you'd better make sure your baby is the healthiest, most successful baby there is! (Awkward analogy, but you know what I'm trying to get at…)

Offer to take on extra responsibilities
Time permitting, of course. Show that you're a go-getter and willing to get your hands dirty. And don't just stick to your department, either. Network with individuals from other areas of the company and see if there's anything you can do to help.

Not only will you broaden your skill set beyond your general expertise, but you'll also broaden your exposure to different people who may be able to offer you a job in the future.

Pick up the phone

Make a point of keeping in touch

- **So maybe there just really isn't a job available for you right now.** Still, keep in touch and check back every now and then just to say hello and touch base. Make sure you're always on their mind so if a position does open up, you'll be kept in mind.
- **But here's hoping…** By that time, you've already been scooped up by another company — because, let's face it, you're a pro!

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Brandwashed
By Martin Lindstrom
Crown Business,
$28.95, 260 pages

I recently attended The Art of Marketing conference in Toronto, an event series that showcases leading marketing minds and authors in a full day of inspiring storytelling. It was here that I came across Martin Lindstrom, a very well-known Danish brand marketing expert (LEGO enthusiast) and author of New York bestseller Buy-ology.

Lindstrom shared a few highlights from his most recent book Brandwashed, an exposé on the undercover tactics that brand marketers use to sell you everything and anything you likely don't actually need. As Lindstrom succinctly put it, "the full range of psychological tricks and schemes companies and their shrewd marketers and advertisers have concocted to prey on our most deeply rooted fears, dreams, and desires, all in the service of persuading us to buy their brands and products."

As a marketer, this was not entirely surprising, but when you look at how subliminal some of these tactics are (womb marketing for example), it makes you think twice about where the line should be drawn. In the first chapter, Lindstrom discusses how we become primed as early as when we are still in the womb to 'buy.' Studies indicate that music and scents that an expectant mother is exposed to will impress upon the fetus. "Music is very powerful in producing fetal memories. When the mother frequently listens to music, the fetus will learn to recognize and prefer that same music compared to other music". Lindstrom gave the example of an Asian shopping mall chain that experimented with 'priming' expectant mothers using familiar scents such as Johnson & Johnson baby powder and cherry and played music from the era that these women were born. The hope was that this tactic would boost sales among this customer target… and it did, but more amazingly these same women reported that if their new born babies were fussing or crying "the moment they entered the mall, their babies calmed down."

Lindstrom's book dives into several of our primal emotions including sex, fear and desire, showcasing how sex sells Axe Deodorant to awkward teenage boys, and how fear sells home security systems to women. This book is a remarkable reflection of how sophisticated marketing has become, but at the same time makes you question why we have so much affinity for so many brands. Brand detox any one?

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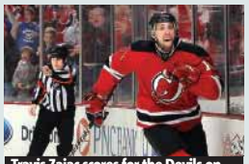
NHL

Devils stay alive versus Panthers

Travis Zajac scored at 5:39 of overtime and the New Jersey Devils avoided elimination and sent their first-round series to a seventh game with a 3-2 win over the Florida Panthers on Tuesday night. Steve Bernier and



Travis Zajac scores for the Devils on Tuesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Ilya Kovalchuk also scored and Martin Brodeur made 14 saves for New Jersey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Public-opinion poll

Jimmie Johnson is Forbes' most influential athlete

NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson is ranked by Forbes as America's most influential athlete a second straight year. New York Jets QB Tim Tebow is ranked second. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Champions League

Chelsea stuns Barcelona

Despite going a man and two goals down in the first half, Chelsea earned a 2-2 draw against Barcelona on Tuesday that sent the London club into the final 3-2 on aggregate and eliminated the defending champion THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympic soccer

"I watched from the stand; always dreamed of leading a team out there one day." John Herdman, Canada's women's coach, on being drawn to play at St. James' Park in his native Newcastle, England. Japan, Sweden and South Africa round out Group F.

Blue Jays' winning streak ends at four in Baltimore

Blue Jays pitcher Henderson Alvarez stands on the mound after Matt Wieters' home run in Baltimore on Tuesday night. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB. Toronto's offence sputters vs. O's in return to American League East division

Sweeping a road series against the Royals is nice, but when the Blue Jays return to facing opponents in the AL East, it's a whole new challenge.

And not just the Yankees, Red Sox and Rays.

The self-imposed mandate of winning in the division includes the improved Orioles, who took the opener of a three-game series 2-1, ending the Jays' four-game win streak. Manager John Farrell has a unique baseball take on the old hockey cliche about four-point games.

"That's not to take anyone lightly outside our division, but we all know that the 18 games per team in here mean twice as much just because of head-up competition," Farrell said. "So we will be challenged every night we walk on the field against a team in this division. For us to get where we want to go, we're going to have to go through these teams that are in the East."

With the loss, the Jays fell to 4-6 inside the division and 1-3 versus the improving Orioles.

Tuesday's game

Orioles	Jays
2	1

Henderson Alvarez lost his second straight start and the Jays have now dropped all four starts the 22-year-old has made in 2012. In 14 major-league starts overall, he is 1-5. A positive for the Jays is that Alvarez has pitched at least five innings and thrown at least 92 pitches in all of his starts. Unfortunately he has not won a game in his last nine outings since his one and only major-league win last Aug. 31, also at Camden Yards.

"There were a number of outings last year you felt that Henderson pitched well enough to get a win," Farrell said. "But, you know what, if he goes out and he does what he's capable of, I like our chances and certainly the chances of Henderson to record another win."

In his one win, the Jays scored 13 runs. In Alvarez's other 13 major-league starts, the club has averaged just 3.31 runs per outing.

When the Orioles opened the game against Alvarez with a single and a rocket double off the wall, it had all the earmarks of a big, ugly inning. But the youngster held the O's to a run, escaping a bases-loaded, nobody-out crisis.

The Jays tied the game in the third inning on a solo homer by Eric Thames off Tommy Hunter that bounced on Eutaw Street behind the right-field fence and in front of the warehouse.

The O's broke the 1-1 tie in the fourth as catcher Matt Wieters sliced a drive over left field fence. Thames raced along the warning track, leaped and scraped the top of the wall, but couldn't get the home run.

Alvarez gave up two runs in seven innings.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quoted

"You can't say for one reason or another why certain pitchers get run support ... and others don't."

John Farrell, Blue Jays manager

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"Typically, I'd be there in a second, but this isn't a normal situation and this isn't me trying to hide away from the world championships. I love playing for Team Canada."

Sidney Crosby, who strongly defended his decision not to play for Canada in the upcoming world hockey championship, saying he needs to go through the full summer of preparation he missed because of a concussion last year.

On the web

It's been a crazy month for golfer Bubba Watson after winning the Masters in a sudden-death playoff on April 8. But despite the recent fanfare, the lefty with a flair for the dramatic says he's still "just Bubba." Now Watson's back to work preparing to defend his title this week at the Zurich Classic. Scan the code for the story.

Running after the football dream

Football. Markham's Chambers ready to make noise in the CFL or possibly even NFL

Shamawd Chambers can't wait until May 3.

That's when the CFL will hold its annual Canadian college draft and the day the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks' speedy receiver will learn where he'll start his pro career in Canada. And after an off-season of working out and testing for CFL officials, Chambers is anxious to get back on the football field.

"I just want to get back to work," Chambers said during a CFL conference call Tuesday. "For me, this has been such a long off-season ... I just want to play football.

"Once you are a professional, that's all you do. I feel like I can develop so much more when my full-time job is to play this game. The thought of that is incredible, that somebody is going to pay us to play this game. I'm just excited and want to get to work."

Quoted

"I don't have any kids or real ties to Toronto, so it's no problem for me to play anywhere else. I'll go play anywhere."
Shawmawd Chambers

Chambers shouldn't have to wait long to hear his name called. The six-foot-three, 218-pound native of Markham, Ont., is not only the top-rated receiver heading into the draft but was third overall in the CFL Scouting Bureau's final ranking of the top-15 eligible prospects.

Chambers, 23, who posted the fastest 40-yard dash time at the CFL evaluation camp (4.42 seconds), grew up a Toronto Argonauts fan and would readily welcome a chance to play for the team. But unless general manager Jim Barker pulls off a major trade, seeing Chambers in Double Blue would appear unlikely given the team doesn't have a first-round selection.

Chambers, who had 36 catches last season for 562 yards and five TDs, is expected to be off the board when Toronto makes its first pick in the second round, ninth overall.

"I don't have a preference, to be honest, as to where I play," Chambers said. "If I stay in the Greater Toronto Area, it would be nice because my family is here but in no way, shape or form would I say that is my complete preference."

Chambers could be starting his pro career south of the border. There's persistent talk some NFL clubs have Chambers on their radar screen as a potential undrafted free agent. Yet even if he signs in the U.S., Chambers should remain a bona fide future prospect for CFL clubs.

Saskatchewan Huskies offensive lineman Ben Heenan spent most of the year atop the CFL Scouting Bureau rankings before dropping behind Boise State defensive end Tyrone Crawford on the final list. But the six-foot-four, 310-pound Heenan remains the solid choice to go first overall in the Canadian college draft

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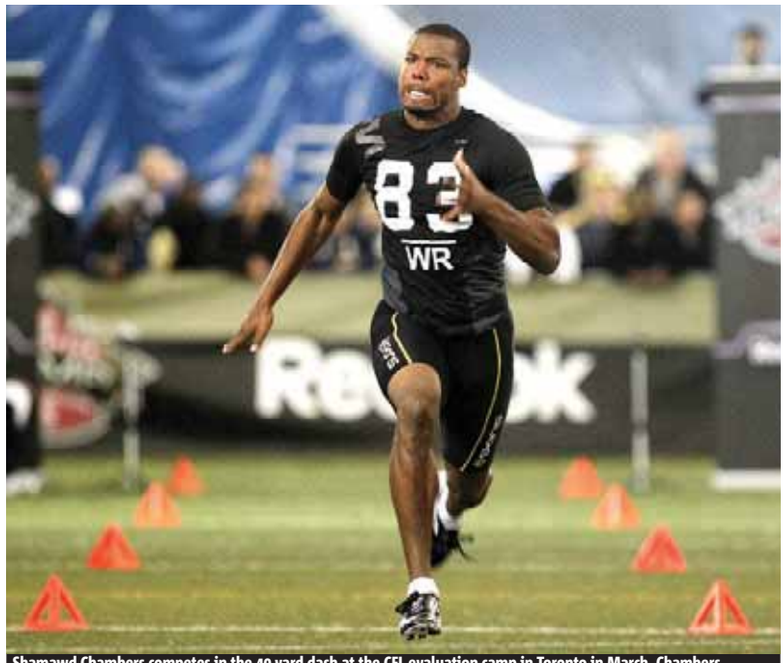

Shamawd Chambers competes in the 40 yard dash at the CFL evaluation camp in Toronto in March. Chambers achieved the fastest time in the dash, recording 4.42 seconds. CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL. Andrew Luck will be first pick, Colts annouce

It's official: Andrew Luck will be the No. 1 choice in Thursday night's NFL draft.

Rather than keeping the NFL's worst-kept secret under wraps until Luck's name rolled off the lips of commissioner Roger Goodell, general manager Ryan Grigson decided there was no reason to delay the inevitable: Luck will become the successor to Peyton Manning as Indianapolis' quarterback and the new face of the franchise.

Indy has been preparing for Luck's arrival for a while.

Grigson said last week that the team made its decision a few weeks earlier and that was one reason they didn't have Griffin come to Indy for an interview.

The Stanford quarterback plans to have his entire family in New York on draft night. He'll fly to Indianapolis on Friday to meet fans at Lucas Oil Stadium, his new home field.

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Quoted

"We didn't the see the point in prolonging what the world already knows." Indianapolis Colts general manager Ryan Grigson

NBA

Seven-game ban for World Peace

Lakers forward Metta World Peace was suspended seven games by the NBA on Tuesday for throwing a vicious elbow at Oklahoma City's James Harden, meaning the Los Angeles starter likely will miss six playoff games.

World Peace was ejected from Sunday's game against the Thunder for striking Harden in the head, giving him a concussion. World Peace claimed the contact was an accidental, overzealous celebration of a dunk. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Winter convinced TFC can still make playoffs

Toronto FC is down but not out. Making the playoffs is still a reality. And the team will turn things around.

A smiling Aron Winter was spreading the positives around Tuesday like an avid gardener with a fresh batch of manure.

The Dutch manager still insists his 0-6-0 MLS team is about to bloom.

While some see Toronto FC as one loss from tying the league record for worst start to a season, Winter sees it as one win away from starting something special.

Tough road

1

Winter has a lone away victory on his TFC resume — a 4-2 win over the Columbus Crew last September.

"It's very important to get the first points. And the moment we get the first points, everything is going to turn," the Dutch manager said.

"And I believe in it. We're going to fix it."

Winter says he has the backing of ownership to do that, although there seemed to be a clock ticking to comments made Sunday to The Canadian Press by Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment COO Tom Anselmi.

"They have to get this straightened out. Our fans deserve better," said Anselmi.

Things don't get any easier for TFC this week as it visits Real Salt Lake, which at 5-3-0 has 15 more points.

Job number one for Toronto is to stop leaking goals. The team has conceded three or more in three of its six league losses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tomorrow's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
Monday's result
N.Y. Rangers 3 Ottawa 2
Boston (2) vs. Washington (7)
(Series tied 3-3)
Tonight's game
Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.
Florida (3) vs. New Jersey (6)
(Series tied 3-3)
Last night's result
New Jersey 3 Florida 2 (OT)
Tomorrow's game
New Jersey at Florida, TBD
Pittsburgh (4) vs. Philadelphia (5)
(Philadelphia wins series 4-2)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Los Angeles (8)
(Los Angeles wins series 4-1)
St. Louis (2) vs. San Jose (7)
(St. Louis wins series 4-1)
Phoenix (3) vs. Chicago (6)
(Phoenix wins series 4-2)
Monday's result
Phoenix 4 Chicago 0
Nashville (4) vs. Detroit (5)
(Nashville wins series 4-1)

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DEVILS 3, PANTHERS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. New Jersey, Bernier 2 (Carter, Harrold) 16:37
Penalties — None.
Second Period
2. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 3 (Zajac, Sykora) 4:21 (pp)
3. Florida, Versteeg 3 (Weiss, Kulikov) 7:05
4. Florida, Bergenheim 3 (Strachan, Goc) 12:49
Penalties — Kopecky Fla (high-sticking) 2:25, Upshall Fla (roughing) 18:34.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Campbell Fla (delay of game) 0:06, Elias NJ (tripping) 2:56, Versteeg Fla (high-sticking) 14:31.
First Overtime
5. New Jersey, Zajac 3 (Kovalchuk, Parise) 5:39
Penalties — None.

Shots

Florida	6	4	3	3—16
New Jersey	13	16	7	6—42

Goal — Florida: Clemmensen (L,1-2-0); New Jersey: Brodeur (W,3-2-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Florida: 0-1; New Jersey: 1-4.
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MONDAY

RANGERS 3, SENATORS 2

First Period
1. Ottawa, Neil 2 (Gonchar, Foligno) 7:05 (pp)
Penalties — Rupp NYR (roughing) 5:47, Carkner Ott (delay of game) 10:02, Prust NYR, Neil Ott (fighting) 15:10, Smith Ott (roughing) 18:06.
Second Period
2. N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 1 (Richards, Stralman) 8:55 (pp)
3. N.Y. Rangers, Richards 2 (Del Zotto, Stepan) 17:08 (pp)
4. N.Y. Rangers, Kreider 1 (Stepan, Staal) 19:19
Penalties — Prust NYR (cross-checking) 6:22, Michalek Ott (holding) 7:57, Silfverberg Ott (boarding) 9:18, Kreider NYR (goaltender interference) 14:28, Kuba Ott (hooking) 15:42, Foligno Ott (goaltender interference) 15:58.
Third Period
5. Ottawa, Spezza 3 (Greening) 19:21
Penalties — Prust NYR (tripping) 1:44, Turris Ott (slashing) 4:11, Gaborik NYR (hooking) 8:20.

Shots on goal by

N.Y. Rangers	7	8	7	22
Ottawa	6	7	14	27

Goal — N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (W,3-3); Ottawa: Anderson (L,3-3).
Power plays (goals-chances) — N.Y. Rangers: 2-6; Ottawa: 1-5.
Referees — Steve Kozari, Tim Peel.
Linesmen — Lonnie Cameron, Shane Heyer.
Att. — 20,500 (19,153) at Ottawa.

COYOTES 4, BLACKHAWKS 0

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Chipchura Pho (holding) 9:11, Keith Chi (delay of game) 13:36.
Second Period
1. Phoenix, Ekman-Larsson 1 (Yandle, Whitney) 13:14 (pp)
Penalties — J.Toews Chi (interference) 12:22, Langkow Pho (tripping) 18:24.
Third Period
2. Phoenix, Brule 2 (Chipchura) 2:24
3. Phoenix, Vermette 4 (Boedker, Ekman-Larsson) 13:04 (pp)
4. Phoenix, Chipchura 1 (Brule, Langkow) 14:56
Penalties — Hayes Chi (boarding major, game misconduct; served by Stalberg) 8:47, Kane Chi (misconduct) 17:10.

Shots on goal by

Phoenix	2	6	12	—20
Chicago	16	12	11	—39

Goal — Phoenix: M.Smith (W,4-2-0); Chicago: Crawford (L,2-4-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Phoenix: 2-4; Chicago: 0-2.
Referees — Chris Lee, Wes McCauley.
Linesmen — , David Brisebois.
Att. — 21,636 (19,717) at Chicago.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	6	8	14
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
Briere, Pha	5	3	8
McDonald, StL	4	4	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8
Berglund, StL	3	4	7
Voracek, Pha	2	5	7
Jagr, Pha	1	6	7
Kennedy, Pgh	3	3	6
Dupuis, Pgh	2	4	6
Kunitz, Pgh	2	4	6
Neal, Pgh	2	4	6
Schenn, Pha	2	4	6
Sullivan, Pgh	2	4	6
Brown, LA	4	1	5

Not including last night's games

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	10	6	.625	—
Baltimore	10	7	.588	½
Tampa Bay	10	7	.588	½
Toronto	10	7	.588	½
Boston	5	10	.333	4½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	10	6	.625	—
Cleveland	9	6	.600	½
Detroit	10	7	.588	½
Minnesota	5	12	.294	5½
Kansas City	3	14	.176	7½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	13	4	.765	—
Oakland	8	10	.444	5½
Seattle	8	10	.444	5½
Los Angeles	6	11	.353	7

Last night's results
Cleveland 4, Kansas City 3
Seattle 7, Detroit 4
Baltimore 2, Toronto 1
Tampa Bay 5, L.A. Angels 0
N.Y. Yankees at Texas
Boston at Minnesota
Chicago White Sox at Oakland
Monday's results
N.Y. Yankees 7, Texas 4
Boston 6, Minnesota 5
Toronto 4, Kansas City 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Oakland 0
Today's games
Chicago White Sox (Sale 2-1) at Oakland (Parker 0-0), 3:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 1-1) at Cleveland (Jimenez 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 1-1) at Detroit (Wilk 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Drabek 2-0) at Baltimore (Hammel 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 1-2) at Texas (Feldman 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 1-1) at Minnesota (Hendriks 0-0), 8:10 p.m.

ORIOLES 2, BLUE JAYS 1

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
YEscor ss	4	0	0	0	EnChvz lf	4	1	1	0
KJhnsn 2b	3	0	2	0	Hardy ss	4	0	1	0
Bautist rf	4	0	0	0	Markks rf	3	0	0	0
Encrnc dh	4	0	0	0	AdJons cf	3	0	1	0
Lind 1b	3	0	0	0	Wieters c	3	1	1	1
Lawrie 3b	3	0	1	0	C.Davis 1b	3	0	0	0
Rasms cf	4	0	0	0	Betemt dh	2	0	1	0
Thams lf	4	1	2	1	Flahrty 3b	2	0	0	0
Mathis c	2	0	0	0	Andino 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**		**27**	**2**	**5**	**1**

Toronto	001	000	000	**1**
Baltimore	100	100	00x	**2**

DP—Toronto 1, Baltimore 1. LOB—Toronto 7, Baltimore 4. 2B—Hardy (1). HR—Thames (1), Wieters (6). S—Flaherty.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
H.Alvarez L,0-2	7	5	2	2	2	0
Janssen	1	0	0	0	0	2
Baltimore						
Tom.Hunter W,2-1	6	3	1	1	3	3
Patton H,2	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
O'Day H,2	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Ayala H,2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Strop S,1-2	1	0	0	0	1	2

Umpires—Home, Brian Gorman; First, Larry Vanover; Second, Tony Randazzo; Third, Todd Tichenor.
T—2:22. A—11,058 (45,971).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	12	4	.750	—
Atlanta	10	7	.588	2½
New York	9	8	.529	3½
Miami	7	9	.438	5
Philadelphia	7	10	.412	5½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	11	6	.647	—
Cincinnati	8	9	.471	3
Milwaukee	8	9	.471	3
Pittsburgh	7	9	.438	3½
Houston	6	11	.353	5
Chicago	5	12	.294	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	4	.765	—
Arizona	9	8	.529	4
San Francisco	9	8	.529	4
Colorado	8	8	.500	4½
San Diego	5	12	.294	8

Last night's results
Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 4
N.Y. Mets 2, Miami 1
Cincinnati 9, San Francisco 2
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs
Houston at Milwaukee
Philadelphia at Arizona
Washington at San Diego
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers
Monday's results
San Francisco 6, N.Y. Mets 1, 1st game
Colorado at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 2, 2nd game
Chicago Cubs 3, St. Louis 2
Milwaukee 6, Houston 5
Arizona 9, Philadelphia 5
L.A. Dodgers 7, Atlanta 2
Today's games
Colorado (Nicasio 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 0-1), 12:35 p.m., 1st game
Houston (Happ 1-1) at Milwaukee (Marcum 1-1), 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 3-0) at Chicago Cubs (Volstad 0-2), 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 2-1) at Arizona (Cahill 1-1), 3:40 p.m.
Colorado (Chacin 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Morton 0-1), 4:05 p.m., 2nd game
Washington (Zimmermann 0-1) at San Diego (Wieland 0-2), 6:35 p.m.
Miami (Buehrle 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Zito 1-0) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Beachy 2-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 2-0), 10:10 p.m.

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WEEK 17

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	15	8	7	.533	186	185	-
x-Philadelphia	15	7	8	.467	169	198	1
x-Buffalo	15	6	9	.400	181	188	2
x-Rochester	15	6	9	.400	182	190	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
y-Calgary	16	12	4	.750	216	170	-
x-Colorado	15	11	4	.733	204	185	½
x-Minnesota	15	8	7	.533	186	177	3½
x-Edmonton	15	6	9	.400	156	163	5½
Washington	15	4	11	.267	163	187	7½

x — clinched playoff berth.
Saturday's games
Philadelphia at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at Washington, 10:30 p.m.
END OF REGULAR SEASON

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	48	16	.750	—
y-Miami	46	18	.719	2
x-Indiana	42	23	.646	6½
y-Boston	37	27	.578	11
x-Atlanta	39	26	.600	9½
x-Orlando	36	28	.563	12
x-New York	34	30	.531	14
x-Philadelphia	34	30	.531	14
Milwaukee	31	33	.484	17
Detroit	24	41	.369	24½
New Jersey	22	43	.338	26½
Toronto	22	43	.338	26½
Cleveland	21	43	.328	27
Washington	18	46	.281	30
Charlotte	7	57	.109	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-San Antonio	48	16	.750	—
y-Oklahoma City	46	18	.719	2
x-L.A. Lakers	41	24	.631	7½
x-L.A. Clippers	40	25	.615	8½
x-Memphis	40	25	.615	8½
x-Denver	36	28	.563	12
x-Dallas	36	29	.554	12½
Utah	34	30	.531	14
Phoenix	33	31	.516	15
Houston	33	32	.508	15½
Portland	28	37	.431	20½
Minnesota	26	39	.400	22½
Golden State	23	41	.359	25
Sacramento	21	43	.328	27
New Orleans	20	44	.313	28

d — division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division

Last night's results
Atlanta 109, L.A. Clippers 102
Sacramento at Oklahoma City
Miami at Boston
New Orleans at Golden State
Phoenix at Utah
Monday's results
Indiana 103, Detroit 97
Washington 101, Charlotte 73
Philadelphia 105, New Jersey 87
Memphis 109, Cleveland 101
Milwaukee 92, Toronto 86
San Antonio 124, Portland 89
Tonight's games
Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New York, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

BUCKS 92, RAPTORS 86

TORONTO (86)
Anderson 3-13 5-5 11, J.Johnson 10-21 2-2 22, A.Johnson 3-4 1-2 7, Uzoh 2-6 4-4 8, DeRozan 2-5 0-0 4, Davis 1-4 0-0 2, Forbes 6-9 1-2 15, Kleiza 6-13 1-2 15, Gray 1-1 0-1 2, Alabi 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-76 14-18 86.
MILWAUKEE (92)
Livingston 1-3 0-0 2, Ilyasova 6-10 5-8 19, Gooden 1-7 0-0 2, Jennings 9-23 4-6 25, Ellis 4-14 8-9 17, Udoh 4-7 3-4 11, Dunleavy 3-8 4-5 10, Udrih 0-1 0-0 0, Harris 1-4 2-2 4, Leuer 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 29-78 28-36 92.

Toronto	25	23	19	19	86
Milwaukee	17	26	19	30	92

3-Point Goals—Toronto 4-14 (Forbes 2-3, Kleiza 2-6, J.Johnson 0-2, Anderson 0-3), Milwaukee 6-17 (Jennings 3-6, Ilyasova 2-4, Ellis 1-2, Harris 0-1, Gooden 0-1, Dunleavy 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 53 (J.Johnson 13), Milwaukee 50 (Ilyasova 15). Assists—Toronto 24 (Uzoh, Forbes 5), Milwaukee 16 (Ellis, Jennings 5). Total Fouls—Toronto 26, Milwaukee 17. Technicals—DeRozan, Kleiza, Milwaukee defensive three second. Ejected—DeRozan.
A—13,867 (18,717).

SOCCER

MLS

Tonight's game
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

EUROPEAN

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SEMIFINALS
First Leg
Yesterday's results
Barcelona (Spain) 2, Chelsea (England) 2
(Chelsea advanced on 3-2 aggregate)

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Atalanta 1, Chievo Verona 0
Cagliari 3, Catania 0

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa 1 Bolton Wanderers 2

TENNIS

BARCELONA OPEN

At Barcelona, Spain
Yesterday's results
Singles
First Round
Frederico Gil, Portugal, def. Marcel Granollers (12), Spain, 6-2, 6-2.
Kevin Anderson (13), South Africa, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 6-2, 6-3.
Bernard Tomic (15), Australia, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 6-3, 6-4.
Albert Ramos (17), Spain, def. Andreas Beck, Germany, 4-1, retired.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 6-3, 6-3.
Victor Hanescu, Romania, def. Rui Machado, Portugal, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, 6-2, 6-3.
Igor Andreev, Russia, def. Diego Junqueira, Argentina, 6-2, 6-3.
Flavio Cipolla, Italy, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 6-0, 6-3.
Robert Farah, Colombia, def. Arnau Brugues-Davi, Spain, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Pablo Andujar (16), Spain, def. David Goffin, Belgium, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Second Round
Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-2.
Fernando Verdasco (9), Spain, def. Steve Darcis, Belgium, 6-3, 6-1.
Nicolas Almagro (6), Spain, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 7-5, 7-6 (3).
Doubles
First Round
Eric Butorac, United States, and Bruno Soares, Brazil, def. Scott Lipsky and Rajeev Ram, United States, 6-3, 6-3.
Robin Haase, Netherlands, and Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver and Albert Montanes, Spain, 5-7, 6-3, 10-4 tiebreak.
Mikhail Elgin, Russia, and Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Inigo Cervantes-Huegun and Gerard Granollers-Pujol, Spain, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 10-8 tiebreak.
Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram, United States, def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, and Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).

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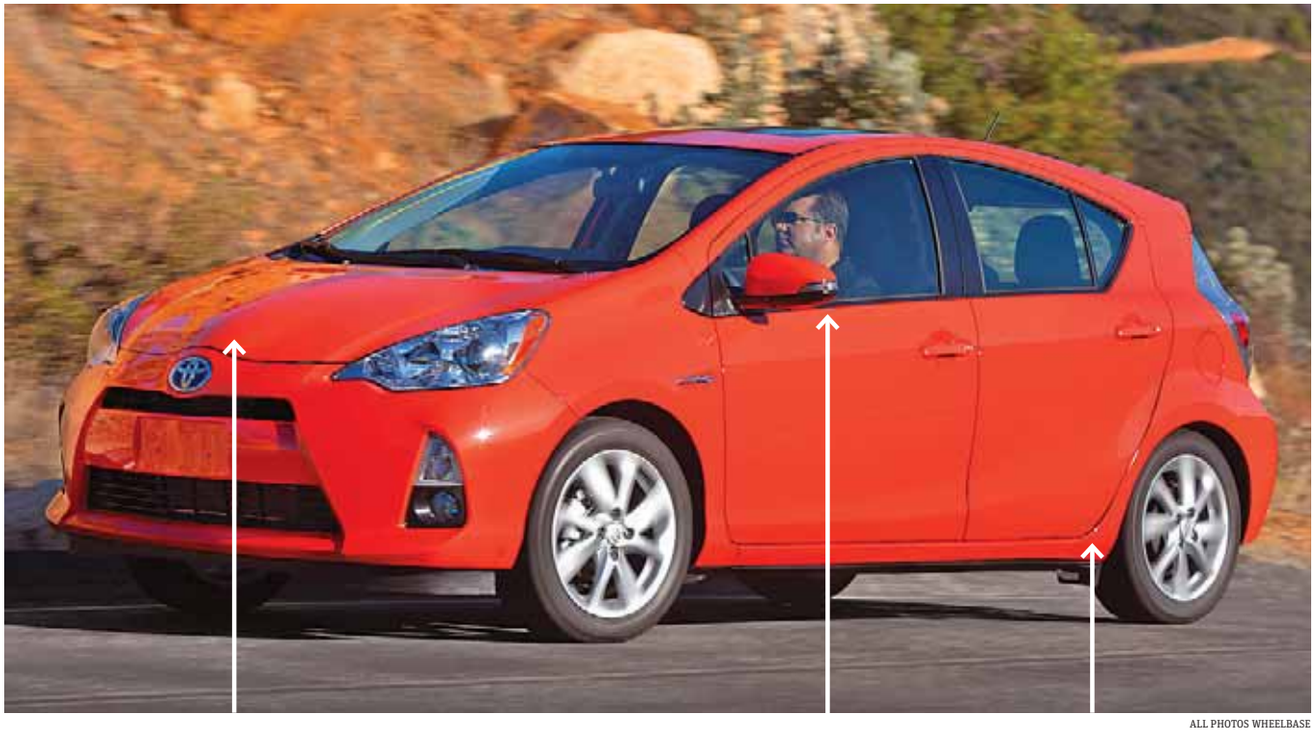
New hybrid compact a big draw



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Styling

One aspect of the Prius c's desirability is its blend of attractive styling and practical hatchback shape. The car exudes a certain cheerful exuberance that's absent in the both the bigger hatch and wagon editions. The front end does carry traces of Toyota's Yaris entry-hatch, but overall the "c" is pleasing.

The transmission is a continuously variable unit.

2012 Toyota Prius c

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hybrid.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.5-litre DOHC I4 (73) with 45-kilowatt electric motor (99 net, combined).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 3.5/4.0.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $22,550.

Strange layout

The interior is straightforward, other than what must be the most unusual dash/control panel layout ever designed. The upper-level speedometer, fuel gauge and optional electric power display is askew of the steering wheel, while the infotainment screen and ventilation settings are enveloped by oddly-formed plastic trim.

Powertrain

The hybrid powertrain consists of a 73-horsepower 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine coupled to a 60-horsepower (45-kilowatt) electric motor. The net combined output is 99 horsepower.

The electric motor's 144-volt battery pack and the gas engine's fuel tank are positioned beneath the rear seat.

Review. A hybrid for less than $23,000 that pulls down 3.5 l/100 km in the city? Sold.

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The most popular gasoline-electric hybrid brand around is now a lineup unto itself and the all-new Toyota Prius c is the smallest and least expensive of the bunch.

With fuel costs soaring, it's likely that hybrid demand will accelerate in spite of a continued price gap compared to gasoline-only vehicles. That's good news for Toyota's four-model Prius line and especially good news for the new Prius c (c is for compact).

Although small in stature — 48 centimetres shorter and about five centimetres narrower than the current Prius hatchback — the Prius c comes up big in minimizing fuel consumption, registering 3.5 l/100 km in the city and 4.0 highway. By comparison, the regular Prius's numbers are 3.7/4.0. The combined city/highway number for both is nearly identical at 3.7 for the c and 3.8 for the Prius.

So exactly what advantage does the smaller Prius c hold over its equally thrifty namesake? Actually, there are about 5,000 of them, which is the difference in dollars that distinguish the two Toyotas. The c's on-the-road base tariff is $22,550, placing it well within reach for many buyers and, for example, is only about $5,500 pricier than a Toyota Corolla and actually $1,000 cheaper than the Honda Insight hybrid.

With the Prius c's launch — as well as the launch of the plug-in model and the larger v wagon — Toyota is showing its continuing dominance in the hybrid category by stretching the brand to fit a broader audience. The c is the first, however, to truly challenge entry-level gas-only models on their own turf — which is price point — while providing significantly better economy.

If you concede that the regular Prius and the smaller c consume about the same fuel, then why does the c cost so much less? You actually get less — less space and less power.

The Prius c dash layout is pitched to the right of the driver, although not really for functional or aesthetic reasons.

By comparison

1 Honda CR-Z
Base price: $24,100

2 Honda Insight
Base price: $23,500

3 Kia Rio 5-Door
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Face it guys — as a kid, you probably had a toy truck that looked a lot like the Toyota FJ Cruiser. And now that you're all grown up and probably no longer eat glue, play in a sandbox or wet yourself, you can drive your very own cool toy 4x4 every day of the week.

Right from first boarding the FJ Cruiser, you feel like you're driving a tank. The windows are thin, you sit up high, and the dash and seats are made of easy-to-clean materials.

On board, there's storage and utility everywhere. The console is packed with it — including two cupholders, a change cubby and an organizer. There's a storage compartment on the dashboard too. Said dashboard is flat — meaning it can serve double duty as a work surface or lunch counter.

In back, additional seats are accessed by a set of suicide doors. The seats fold out of the way for extra space, adding to the cargo area just ahead of the big, swing-out tailgate.

Under the hood, a four-litre V6 cranks out 260 horsepower — handled in the tester's case by a five-speed automatic transmission. You can get a six-speed stick too, if you like.

Drivers engage the four-wheel drive system with an old-school lever, and can toggle stability control, differential lock and the advanced off-road traction control system with buttons near the shifter.

Traction was abundant on my off-road test-drive, and I drove the FJ feeling confident in its ability to tackle virtually anything I threw its way.

This is definitely not a soccer-mom crossover. With huge ground clearance, skid plates and a real four-wheel drive system with low range, it's ready to hit the dirt in a serious way.

And since it all rides a proven truck platform, it's a battle between solid steel boxed frame rails versus mud and dirt if you manage to run out of clearance.

So, the FJ Cruiser feels all sorts of tough. Hit a pothole, and the pothole gets the lousy end of the deal. If there was ever a zombie apocalypse, this would be your writer's weapon of choice.

On the road more travelled, FJ Cruiser is surprisingly comfortable. The jarring, lurching body movements typical of machines with such stubby dimensions are kept to a minimum.

The compromise between off-road performance and on-road comfort is managed well here.

Fuel consumption on my test averaged about 14.2l/100 km, which is respectable for such a tough and capable machine.

Gripes? The blind spots are nasty, the FJ isn't crazy about cornering, the engine can be noisy, and adults will wish for easier access to the rear seats.

But whether using your skid plates and four-wheel drive traction to dispatch leagues of the walking undead or just your favourite off-road trail system, the FJ is a treat.

This is a unique, dirt-ready, one-of-a-kind driving experience that works well for active and adventurous shoppers intending on off-road activities.

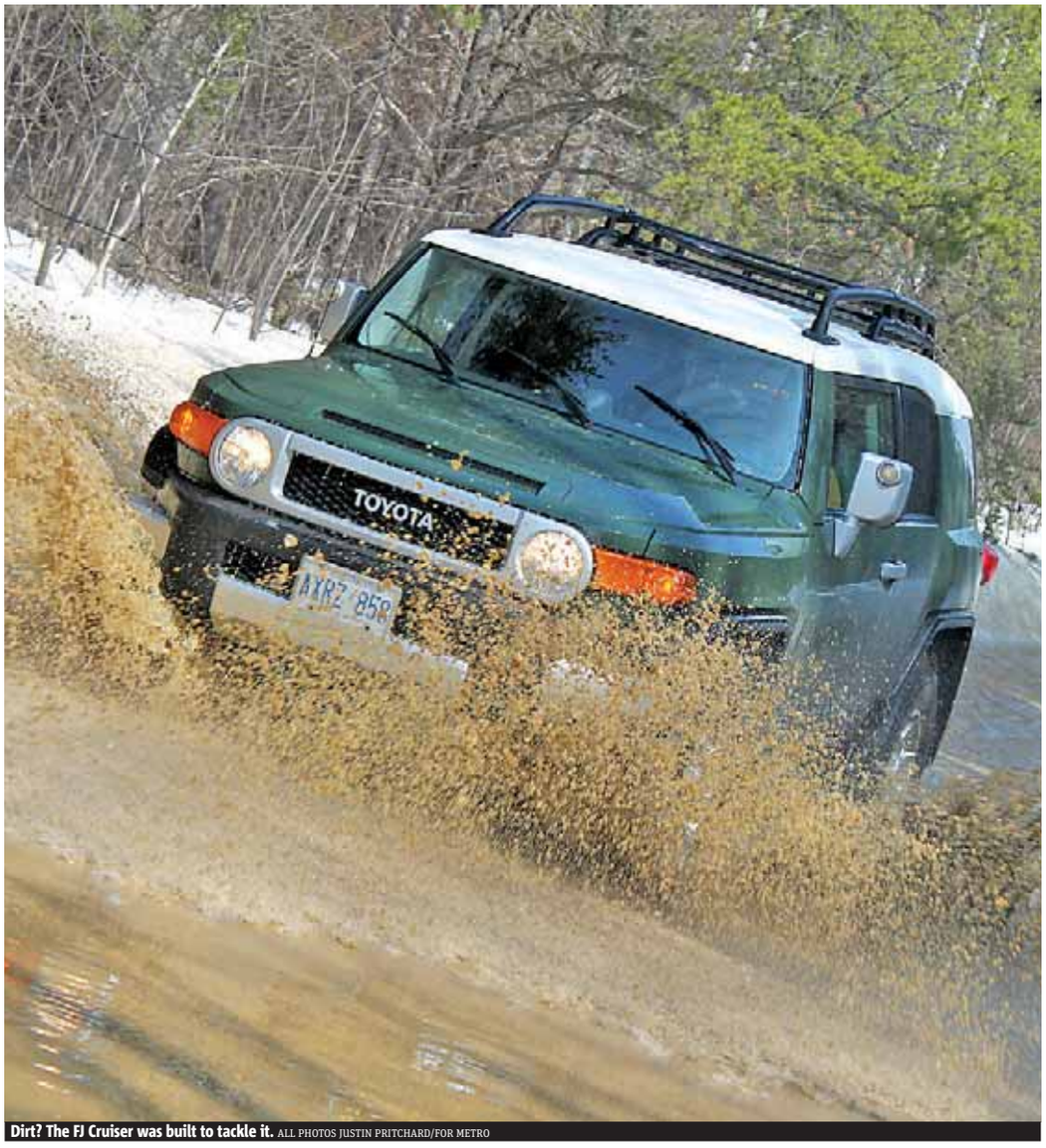
And on your nine-to-five, that decent on-road ride and abundant interior utility will be welcomed, too.

Toyota FJ Cruiser

- **Engine:** 4.0-litre V6, VVT-i, 260 horsepower.
- **Drivetrain:** 4x4.
- **Observed Average Mileage:** 14.2L / 100 km.
- **Transmission:** 5-speed automatic.
- **Features:** Bluetooth audio, inclinometer, skid plates, cruise, power accessories.
- **What's Hot:** Goes absolutely anywhere, feels tough and rugged, respectable on-road ride and fuel mileage, commanding driving position.
- **What's Not:** Blind spots, engine gets noisy when pushed.
- **Starting Price:** $32,725.

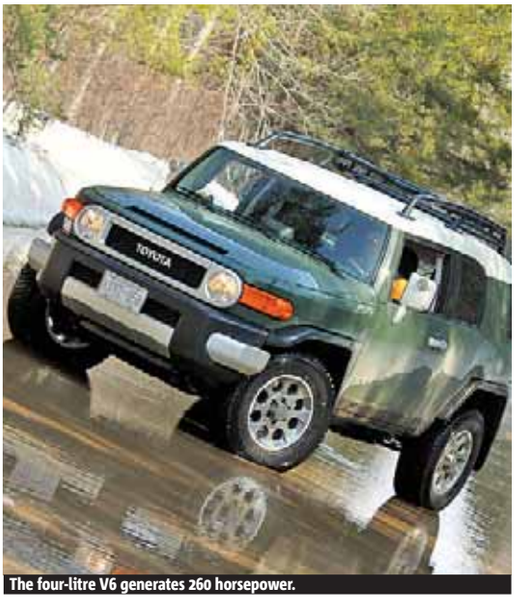
Quote

"Hit a pothole, and the pothole gets the lousy end of the deal."



Dirt? The FJ Cruiser was built to tackle it. ALL PHOTOS JUSTIN PRITCHARD/FOR METRO

There's plenty of storage space in the cabin.



The four-litre V6 generates 260 horsepower.

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Billboards to bags: Totem helps Chevrolet go green

Eco-friendly style. Automaker's signage gets 'upcycled' by Oakville-based company

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For more information on the upcycled bags, visit Facebook.com/ChevroletCanada. CHEVROLET CANADA

Earth Day may have been last Sunday, but reducing waste is always an ongoing challenge. If it can be turned into something useful, that's even better — and it's the idea behind a series of bags refashioned from Chevrolet materials.

Produced by Totem, an Oakville-based company, the tote bags, messenger bags, and laptop sleeves are made almost entirely from vinyl billboards and banners that once advertised the Chevrolet Cruze.

"General Motors approached me because they were interested in our unique manufacturing program where we recycle vinyl," says Melissa Richardson, Totem's founder. "Chevrolet wanted to give its outdoor vinyl a second life and reduce waste."

Richardson makes bags out of "upcycled" materials, which "gives something a new life as opposed to recycling," she says.

These include billboard banners, seatbelts, truck tarps, and bicycle inner tubes.

She got the idea from bags made in Switzerland, and when she discovered that no one was doing anything similar in Canada, she thought she'd give it a try. Her first effort was with banners advertising the National Ballet of Canada.

"I contacted them to see what they were doing with their banners for recycling and they didn't have anything in place," she says. "Not knowing how to use a sewing machine, never having touched one before, I made a tote bag and presented it to them, and they loved it. Now here we are, almost three years later. I started in the basement of my home and now have a manufacturing facility in Oakville."

The bags were part of a giveaway on Chevrolet's Facebook page.

"The Cruze campaign was the biggest at the time, and since we had all that signage, we wondered what we should do with it," says Natalie Nankil, media relations manager for Chevrolet Canada. "We are always looking for ways to support our commitment to green and responsible manufacturing, so working with Totem was a unique way to upcycle our advertising and divert it from landfill."

Chevrolet is now working on a Facebook campaign that asks people to suggest new uses for banners that advertised the Volt, Sonic and Orlando.

Simon Smith, founder and president of Eccosave Mobile Wash. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

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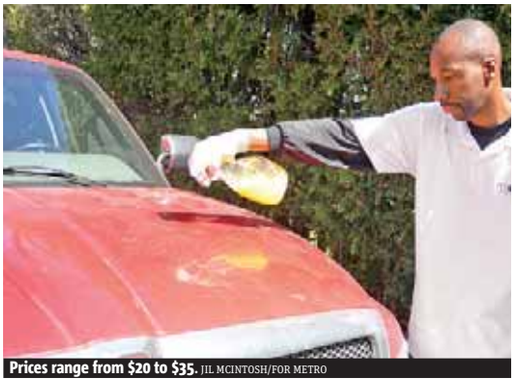
A clean car isn't just about appearance. Dirt, bird droppings and airborne pollutants can actually etch in and damage your paint. Regular washing prevents that, but uses large amounts of water and chemicals.

That gave Simon Smith the idea to start Eccosave Mobile Wash, which he describes as an "eco-luxury auto detailing service." Make an appointment, and a team will come to clean your car inside and out, with eco-friendly cleaning products that don't require any water.

"I started this at the beginning of 2009, and the idea is twofold," Smith says. "First, there's the environmental aspect of it. Secondly, someone comes to you, so you don't have to drive your car somewhere and drop it off."

The service starts at $20 for exterior cleaning only, and at $35 for inside and out. There's no need for a water truck, and the cleaning supplies fit in a compact car, "so the expenses are cut down and we pass that discount on to the customer," Smith says.


Prices range from $20 to $35. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

He spent almost two years testing products before deciding on environmentally-friendly ones that work well in all seasons. Later this year he plans to add a compact steamer.

The two-person team starts with the inside, vacuuming the carpets and seats, cleaning the mats, and dusting and cleaning the dash and other surfaces. Then it's onto the exterior, where the team uses waterless products to loosen and remove dirt. It's possible to scratch paint if you don't use these products correctly, Smith warns.

"We do left to right, or up and down, when taking off the dirt," he says. "When you do a swirl pattern, the dirt you've lifted up is placed back on the vehicle."

There's an extra step if the vehicle is very dirty or covered in road salt.

After the car is polished and buffed, one person tackles the rims and tires, while the other cleans the windows. Depending on the service requested, it takes anywhere from 20 minutes to 3 hours. Eccosave will also do headlight restoration, engine steam cleaning, odour removal, and leather protection, and will work on motorcycles, large trucks and RVs.

Most clients have their cars cleaned at their workplace.

"People say they hate washing their cars," Smith says. "This way, someone comes out to do it for you."

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Service area

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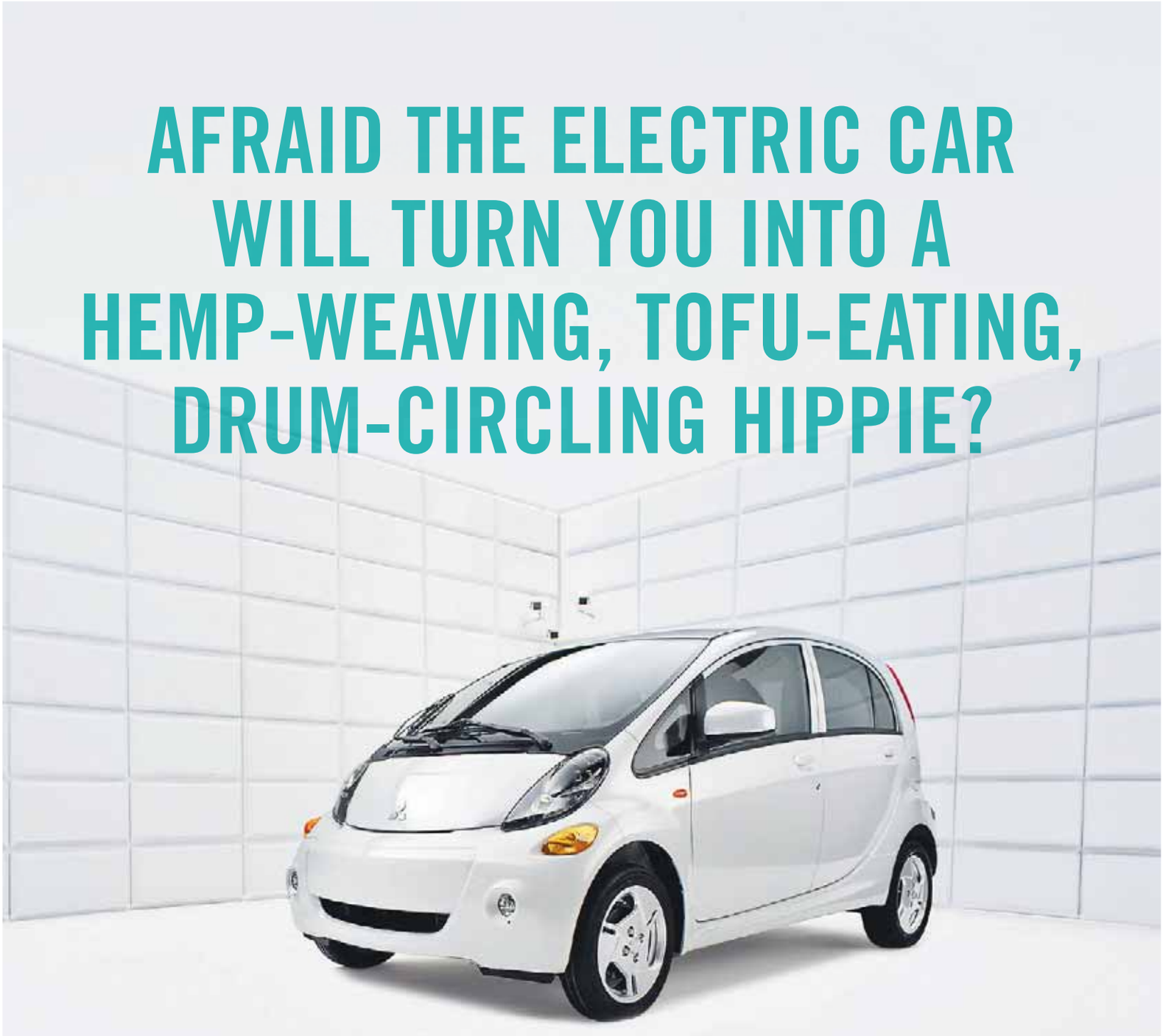

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Mazda 5

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The Mazda 5 puts the word "mini" into the word "minivan." A compact six-seater with sliding doors, the 5 launched in its first generation for the 2006 model year, and has now been replaced by a new model.

The first-generation Mazda 5 was popular with small families for its combination of versatility, practicality and good fuel mileage.

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Common Issues

Check the air conditioning system for proper performance, and inspect the body, especially around the wheel wells and tailgate lip, for signs of rust. Note that the 5 had some issues with faulty power-steering pumps, which have become familiar to the online owner community.

A service bulletin and recall have been executed to fix the issue, which could see the power steering system fail intermittently.

Numerous owners complain about "cheap" parts installed at the factory, leaving them to replace tires and brake components earlier than expected. Shoppers should also look for signs of a bad alignment. A mechanic can help if you're unsure how. Ensure the CD player or changer receives and ejects CDs as expected, and check for proper operation of the steering-wheel-mounted audio controls and remote keyfob, too.

Engine

All models got a 2.3-litre four-cylinder with 153 horsepower. Transmission choices included a five-speed manual or five-speed automatic, depending on the model selected. All units were front-wheel drive.

What Owners Like

The availability of a manual transmission, good handling, relatively generous room, good mileage, interior layout and easy-to-maneuver sizing are all highly rated by Mazda 5 owners. High levels of comfort and flexibility are also noted.

What Owners Dislike

Common owner complaints include a rougher ride on models with larger wheels, the lack of a front passenger-seat arm rest and some difficult-to-clean interior trim materials. Owners also note that cargo space all but disappears when all rows of seating are used.

Verdict

The 5 looks largely free of expensive or worrisome problems. Those with a young family after a flexible and fuel-efficient means of transportation can buy a well-maintained model with confidence.

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The SRT Viper's V-10 engine produces 640 horsepower. CONTRIBUTED

SRT Viper is the testosterone in Chrysler's comeback

Autopilot

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Chrysler was actually thinking at one point of not making another Viper.

I guess you can't really blame them. After all, when you're trying to revive a full-line car company that's on life support, diverting precious resources into a supercar program would seem a tad irrational to anybody. Like blowing rent money on tattoos.

But just as people sometimes have to be cruel to be kind, automakers sometimes have to be irrational to be rational.

"It shows we still have a soul at Chrysler," is how Ralph Gilles put it, when he unveiled the new Viper for the first time, earlier this month at the New York International Auto Show.

Gilles, who heads up design at Chrysler, as well as the SRT division, also related how a fellow executive, Dan Knott, reacted when the company's management team finally green-lighted the Viper comeback at a fateful team meeting.

"(Dan) leaned into the microphone and said, 'Today we're a car company again.'"

The subtext is that car companies need to build some cars just for the hell of it, to show what they're capable of and to prove to the world that they totally understand the irrational element that's lurking somewhere in every vehicle purchase.

The importance of this type of car hit home again for me this week at Toys "R" Us. At the press unveiling in New York, SRT handed out cool press kits to the scribes, but also a Hot Wheels version of the new SRT Viper.

It reminded me that a few Hot Wheels would be a great present for my niece's newest offspring (you can never start car culture too early).

As you can imagine, there was a lot of Hot Wheels merchandise, but not many minivans or crossovers.

This got me thinking: as a business plan for ensuring future brand recognition and support, you could do worse than coming up with a vehicle worthy of being rendered in Hot Wheels.

I guess the other justification for making supercars is in developing future technologies.

The Viper's re-worked V-10 engine, now good for 640 horsepower and 600 lb-ft of torque, is no poster boy for miserly fuel consumption. But Viper's newer and slimmer body is definitely a friend to fuel efficiency. The hood, roof and rear deck are all constructed of carbon fiber, and help make this Viper about 100 pounds lighter than the previous body — and stiffer too. The available "Track Pack" loses another 57 pounds.

With more power and less weight, the 2013 Viper registers in at only 4.91 pounds per horsepower — a figure lower than Porsche 911 Turbo (6.22), Corvette ZR1 (5.01), and Lamborghini Aventador (4.96) and only bettered by the Bugatti Veyron (4.10) and Ferrari F12 (4.70).

But who's counting?

Viper highlights

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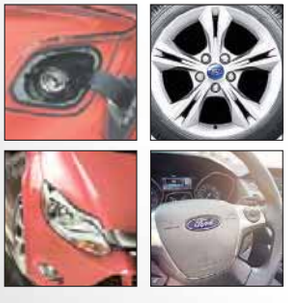

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A cameraman films Nissan's latest concept and electronic car the Esflow at the Beijing International Auto Exhibition this week. VINCENT THIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 'tastes' of Asia, automotive-style

Auto China 2012. Automakers unveil China-focused models at Beijing show as explosive sales growth fades

Ford unveiled a three-cylinder mini-SUV and Chrysler showed a dragon-theme Jeep on Monday as automakers rolled out models designed for Chinese buyers at the Beijing auto show amid tougher competition in the world's biggest vehicle market.

Automakers are looking to China to drive revenue amid weakness in the United States and Europe. But explosive sales growth that hit 35 per cent in 2010 fell to just 2 per cent in the first quarter of this year.

Ford Motor Co. premiered its latest SUV, the scaled-down EcoSport, designed for "urban adventurers" with a one-litre engine. The vehicle is due to be manufactured at Ford's main China factory in the southwestern city of Chongqing.

"This new SUV is specially designed for growth markets like China," said Kumar Galhotra, Ford's vice-president of product development for the Asia-Pacific region.

Automakers that used to sell the same models worldwide with few local changes increasingly create products with Chinese buyers in mind.

Nissan, Toyota and other automakers also used Auto China 2012 to showcase luxury sedans and SUVs aimed at Chinese buyers. The event, China's biggest auto show this year, opens to the public on Friday.

Chrysler Group LLC announced it will sell a dragon-themed Jeep, with gold-toned accents and dragon designs on headrests and elsewhere.

A worker cleans a Nissan GT-R on display at the show. VINCENT THIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"To be successful in China, we must tailor our vehicles to the specific tastes of Chinese customers," said Mike Manley, Chrysler's chief operating officer for Asia.

Japan's Infiniti rolled out a new luxury sedan with a bigger back seat for Chinese businesspeople. Italy's Fiat SpA, trying to rebuild its presence in China after withdrawing in the 1990s, showed the new Viaggio sedan, designed with its local partner Guangdong Automobile Co. to appeal to Chinese buyers. The four-door sedan, with a 1.4-litre engine, is due to go into production in June at a factory in the southern city of Changsha.

"The products that we are building today globally have a lot more attention paid to what the customer needs in China," said Kevin Wale, president of General Motors Co.'s China unit, in an interview ahead of the show.

GM sells a Cadillac sedan in China with an unusually small four-cylinder, two-litre engine to meet demand from local buyers for smaller engines, Wale said.

"Nowhere else in the world would it have been done," he said.

Automakers are targeting both ends of the market, rolling out luxury models for newly rich urban Chinese and economy models for the low-income but vast rural population.

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Lost in thought? Your driving will get worse

Driving Force. Whether you're 20 or 60, daydreaming while on the road is hazardous, study confirms

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Drivers who are distracted by their cellphones or text messages are hazardous, but even being deep in thought can affect how people act behind the wheel, according to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). If you're daydreaming, you're less likely to scan the road ahead of you for hazards.

"The act of thinking impacts what we're doing," says Bryan Reimer, a research scientist at the MIT AgeLab.

"The brain is a very fancy computer, but it's a single processor. We do task switching, back and forth between two tasks. We'd like to be like a multi-core processor, but we're not."

The study determined that the deeper in thought a driver is, the less he focuses on his surroundings. To test the theory, drivers were sent out on a route. They had to listen to a recording of someone reading numbers and then perform three separate tasks: repeat the number they'd just heard, repeat one number back, and then repeat the second number back.

"There was no computation involved, just memory," Reimer says. "The two-back demand was about as difficult a task as you'd be willing to give an individual when they're driving."

Previous studies looked at whether drivers were distracted or not, but Reimer says this is too simple. Instead, there are levels of cognitive demand and their effects are distinguishable.

Somewhat surprisingly, age didn't make a difference. The level of distraction caused by trying to remember the numbers was the same in those in their 20s and in their 60s.

While some people think a phone call isn't any more distracting than a passenger, Reimer disagrees.

"If the light turns red, the person you're talking to (on the phone) keeps talking," he says. A passenger sees the red light and changes the pace of the conversation, which can lead the driver to pay more attention.

Drivers lost in thought or on the phone tend to drive straight, but their reaction time is slower.

"You drive straighter because your eyes are tuned forward, but you're scanning less," Reimer says.

"You also drive slower and change lanes less frequently. You're compensating for that increased demand."

Tuning out

- While a stereo can be distracting, especially if it's too loud, drivers tend to "tune out" the music when something on the road demands their attention.
- Good drivers constantly scan ahead, including sidewalks and cross-streets, looking for potential hazards.

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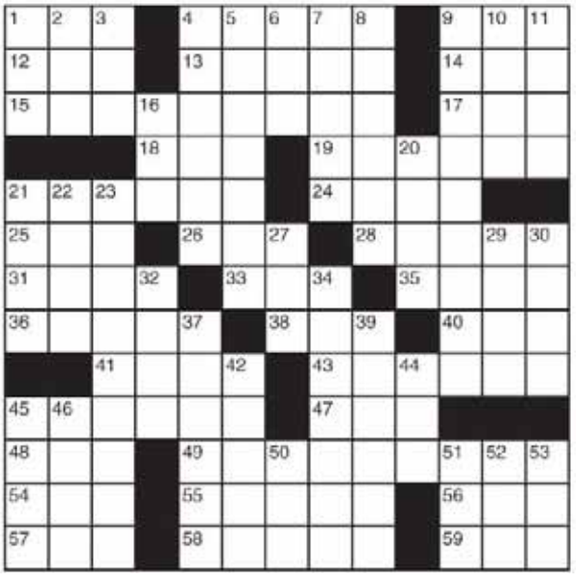
1 Triangle part
4 Walked the floor
9 Scatter seed
12 Bullring bravo
13 Earlier on the page
14 Swiss canton
15 Energetic determination
17 Snooze
18 Canal zone?
19 Drawing for a prize
21 Choose
24 Cash drawer
25 Carte lead-in
26 Desire
28 Detroit football team
31 Deviates off course
33 Society newcomer
35 Foolish bloke
36 Cancel
38 Lubricant
40 Old French coin
41 Anthropologist Margaret
43 Swerved
45 Inclement
47 With 16-Down, "Brokeback Mountain" director
48 Legislation
49 Quasimodo's place
54 Gorilla
55 Herded
56 Rage
57 Apiece
58 Skiers' mecca
59 Joke

Down

1 Depressed
2 Inventor Whitney
3 Solidify
4 Pontiff's term of office
5Scrubbed a launch
6 Intimidate
7 Chris of tennis fame
8 Throw off track
9 Kansas emblem
10 Exam format
11 Clean the slate
16 See 47-Across
20 Go like a butterfly
21 "I — Little Prayer"
22 Verve
23 Groundskeeper's machine
27 Ultra-modernist
29 Pleasant
30 Poker variety
32 Litigant
34 Clam or oyster
37 Greek consonant
39 Meager
42 Color workers
44 Freudian topic
45 Rebuff a masher
46 Recording
50 Prune
51 Peruke
52 Mound stat
53 — U.S. Pat. Off.



Sudoku

6					8	4	7	
	3			6		9	5	
9			4					1
				8			9	7
		6				5		
3	2			4				
1					9			5
	6	7		5			2	
	9	5	1					8

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	1	3	6	2	4	7	9	8
7	8	9	3	1	5	4	6	2
6	2	4	8	7	9	3	5	1
3	4	1	2	8	6	5	7	9
8	7	5	9	3	1	2	4	6
9	6	2	5	4	7	8	1	3
1	3	6	4	5	2	9	8	7
2	5	7	1	9	8	6	3	4
4	9	8	7	6	3	1	2	5

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

APNMBR U ZNSOZ CNNI UCNMD ANST AMJTG-JNDTHD CUIOHQ ADMYY QTD DODBTR "DPT YUHDUADOZ YBNMG"?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A RESTAURANT, FEELING LIKE IT DIDN'T CHARGE ENOUGH FOR FILLETS, DECIDED TO RAISE THE STEAKS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals T

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. You can make things happen today through sheer force of personality. There is no such word as "can't" in your vocabulary.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Sometimes in life, you have no choice but to sit back and wait it out. This is one of those occasions.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Whatever you do on the spur of the moment today will work out well – or at least do no lasting damage.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Sometimes you can be a bit too cautious for your own good, which means you don't always achieve what you should.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. With mind planet Mercury at odds with Pluto today confidence alone won't take you far. Plan ahead.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. A rival may have more talent than you but you possess something infinitely more important: staying power. Keep that in mind.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You need to free yourself of something that is holding you back. Be ruthless and don't let friends and family members talk you out of it.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You don't need permission to think, speak or act. Stand up for yourself and your beliefs!

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. It'd be a mistake to do anything strenuous over the next 24 hours.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Don't be afraid to explore new experiences. The Sun in Taurus at this time of year makes you incredibly adventurous.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. The more you try to move in a certain direction, the more events conspire to block your progress. Take the hint and hold back for a while.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Something will happen today that throws your plans into disarray. It's all good. SALLY BROMPTON

Caption Contest

"What did you say about my mama?!"
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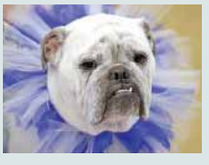

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Horsepower (hp)	191	185	171
Torque (lb.-ft.)	181	163	171
Towing Capacity (lbs)	1,650	1,499	1,499
Overall Interior Volume (L)[5]	2,987	2,949	2,818
17" Alloy Wheels	✓	✗	✗

2012 FORTE SEDAN

TOP SAFETY PICK 2012 INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY

Forte SX shown

HWY: 5.7L/100KM
CITY: 8.1L/100KM

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DARE TO COMPARE	2012 KIA FORTE 2.0 LX M/T	2012 Honda Civic DX M/T	2012 Mazda 3 GX M/T
Horsepower (hp)	156	140	148
Torque (lb.-ft.)	144	128	135
Interior Cargo Space (L)	415	353	335
Heated Sideview Mirrors	✓	✗	✗
6 Speed Manual Transmission	✓	✗	✗
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Horsepower (hp)	138	106	120
Torque (lb.-ft.)	123	103	112
Fuel Economy - HWY	4.9L/100km	5.2L/100km	5.1L/100km
Power Windows	✓	✗	✗
Steering Wheel Audio Controls	✓	✗	✗
Heated Sideview Mirrors	✓	✓	✗

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